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The second batch released in Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh takes the total cheetah count to 20

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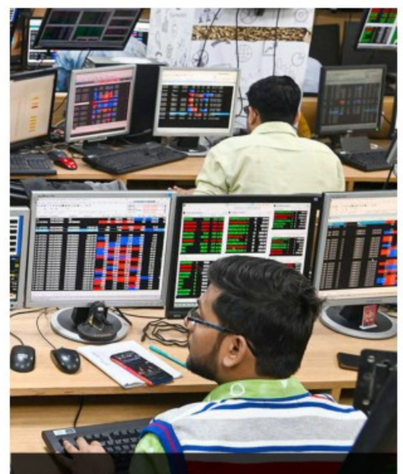

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Wage share sees big jump in govt. spending

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

While the Budget presented on Friday promised many social welfare measures, a close reading of the Economic Survey and Medium Term Fiscal Plan shows that the share of wages, pensions, and administrative expenses of the total revenue receipts has ballooned significantly, from 33.7% in 2021-22 to 44% in 2023-24. The General Services Bill of the Budget, that includes salaries and pensions, which was ₹31,265 crore in 2016-17 has burgeoned to ₹81,820 crore in 2023-24.

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AI's jumbo order bares pilot pinch

Already hit by a crew shortage, airline group will need almost 7,000-8,000 pilots over the coming years to fly the new planes it has ordered

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Air India group's jumbo order of 470 aircraft has turned the spotlight on an equally big problem plaguing India's roller-coaster aviation industry – an existing shortage of pilots that is set to drastically widen.

Amid all the jubilation over the erstwhile flag carrier's historic order, the big question on everyone's mind within the airline and the larger industry is, "Where will the 7,000-8,000 pilots needed to fly these aircraft come from?", especially at a time when India's airlines have been dogged by delays and cancellations and even forced to look for parking space for their planes due to a paucity of cockpit crew to fly them. And the flying crew shortage is already taking its toll with pilots complaining of rising levels of fatigue, a less-than-reassuring trend in an industry where the margins for safety are negligible.

Taking off: Of the 470 aircraft ordered by Air India, 31 are set to arrive later this year. B. VELANKANNI RAJ

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Appellate tribunal for GST gets Council nod; States' dues cleared

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council on Saturday reached a broad consensus on the long-awaited constitution of the GST Appellate Tribunal to resolve the rising number of disputes under the 68-month old indirect tax regime that are now clogging High Courts and other judicial fora.

The Council reduced the tax levy on a few items, including liquid jaggery and pencil sharpeners.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who chairs the Council, also announced that the Centre was releasing GST compensation dues to States amounting to ₹33,506 crore on Saturday. The money comes from the exchequer's own coffers as the GST Compensation Cess Fund does not have an adequate balance, and will be recouped from future cess collections.

Nirmala Sitharaman

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NEARBY

Cong. launches yet another poster campaign against BJP

BENGALURU
After its "PayCM" poster campaign alleging 40% commission charges against the BJP government, the Karnataka Congress on Saturday launched another poster campaign against the ruling party, focusing on the Budget presented on Friday.

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BBMP seizes movable goods from Mantri mall

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Saturday seized various movable assets from Mantri Square mall at Malleswaram over property tax dues. The civic body had been conducting the property tax collection drive in the eight zones for the last few days. BBMP staff from west zone, including marshalls, raided the mall and seized various movable assets, including computers, laptops, chairs, tables, and electronic goods. Yogesh C., Joint Commissioner, BBMP West Zone, told reporters had not paid property tax since 2018-19.

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Forest guard who suffered burns dies

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

The forest guard, who suffered serious burns in a forest fire on Thursday, succumbed in a hospital in Bengaluru early morning on Saturday.

Sundaresh, 37, was one among four Forest Department staff who suffered injuries while dousing the fire near Kadumane in Sakleshpur on Thursday afternoon. Majunath, DRFO, and Sundaresh had suffered serious burns. Both were carried in a 'doli' for a long distance before they were shifted to a hospital by an ambulance. Crucial time was lost in carrying them to the hospital.

Initially, they were admitted to the government hospital at Sakleshpur. Later, they were shifted to St. John's Hospital in Bengaluru the same evening.

Sundaresh is survived by his wife and a daughter. He is a native of Tirthahalli taluk in Shivamogga district. He has been with the Forest Department for the last 15 years. His mortal remains reached Sakleshpur on Saturday evening.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has mourned his death. In his tweet, Mr. Bommai said he was hurt to learn about the death of Sundaresh. His exemplary service would be remembered always, he said.

Morning haze: Due to prolonged rain last year in Mudumalai, the forest is still green and there is often a mist, which is normal during the months of November and December but not so in February.

In Mudumalai, a problem of plenty

The unusually wet weather last year meant that flowers bloomed early in the reserve and the wildlife had plenty to eat, but there could be some negative impact too

M. Sathyamoorthy
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The Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, part of the Niligiris Biosphere Reserve, shares a border with the Bandipur, Wayanad and Sathyamangalam tiger reserves. In 2022, the Nilgiris witnessed one of the wettest years recorded in the past 64 years: the number of rainy days were also more, according to the Nilgiris District Disaster Management Department.

Officials of the Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation (IISWC-ICAR) said that between June and August, the average rainfall in the past 64 years had been about 740 millimetres. However, in 2022, 1,080 mm was recorded in the district during the period.

Due to the prolonged rain, many flowering species have started to bloom early, say botanists. Some species have not shed their leaves.

The rain has helped a lot in increasing the water table. It has kept forest fires at bay. Many wild animals have started to breed due to the plentiful fodder for the herbivores and prey for the carnivores. Birds have started nesting too.

Since it has been raining all through the usual winter months, and there were some showers even in January, the Mudumalai reserve did not experience a real winter this time.

S. Bharathidasan, secretary of Arulagam, a conservation NGO, said such rainfall could impact the critically endangered species such as vultures. "Usually, August is a dry month preceding the mating and nesting season of the critically endangered species of vultures, which rely on hot-air currents to fly long distances in search of food. It remains to be seen how such rainfall will affect the breeding seasons of the birds," he said.

Snapshot from the past: This photo from February 2021 shows elephants walking through partially withered undergrowth. This is how the reserve usually looks in February. This month, however, the forest is comparitively lush.

Silver spray: The Moyar, a lifeline of the reserve, in full flow due to the continuous rainfall.

Sweet delight: A plum-headed parakeet. Birds in the reserve have plenty of seeds and fruit to eat this year.

Flight of fancy: The Indian roller has got a good supply of insects to munch on.

Attention JEE Main & Advanced 2023 aspirants

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JEE Advanced 2022 – Marks obtained versus Ranks secured *(Gender Neutral, Open Category)*															
All India Rank in JEE Advanced 2022	1	2	3	5	10	49	100	501	1001	2001	5001	7001	10001	12001	15001
Marks in JEE Advanced 2022 (out of 360 marks)	314	307	300	297	285	251	236	192	170	146	115	104	92	86	78

JEE Main 2022 – Marks obtained versus Ranks secured *(Gender Neutral, Open Category, Open Seats)*									
All India Rank in JEE Main 2022	100	500	1000	5000	10000	15000	25000	35000	50000
Marks in JEE Main 2022# (out of 300 marks)	275	245	225	190	175	162	145	130	105

This is based on deep data analysis on strategic feedbacks of FIITJEE students over the years.

Now, let us look at some of the sought after branches and their cutoffs at various IITs & NITs in 2022

Data of last student admitted in any IIT in the following programs • Artificial Intelligence – only at IIT Hyderabad – AIR 840 • Artificial Intelligence & Data Science – IIT Patna - AIR 3702 • Computational Engineering – IIT Hyderabad – AIR 1633 • Computer Science & Engineering – Available at all IITs, IIT Bhilai – AIR 5172 • Data Science & Artificial Intelligence – IIT Bhilai – AIR 5744 • Data Science & Engineering – IIT Palakkad – AIR 6502 • Mathematics & Computing – IIT Dharwad – AIR 7126 • Mathematics & Scientific Computing - IIT Kanpur – AIR 1143.

Data of last student admitted in any NIT in the following programs • Artificial Intelligence – NIT Surathkal – AIR 2677 • Computational & Data Science – NIT Surathkal – AIR 3763 • Computational Mathematics – NIT Agartala – AIR 36048 • Computer Engineering – NIT Kurukshetra – AIR 7216 • Computer Science & Engineering – NIT Nagaland – AIR 30126 • Computer Science & Engineering – Cyber Security – NIT Patna – AIR 16890 • Computer Science & Engineering – Data Science – NIT Patna – AIR 16322 • Electronics & Communication Engineering – Microelectronics & VLSI System Design – NIT Patna – 23334 • Information Technology – NIT Srinagar - AIR 27989 • Mathematics & Computing – NIT Agartala – AIR 36116 • Mathematics & Computing Technology – NIT Patna – AIR 15006 • Mathematics & Data Science – NIT Bhopal – AIR 16225.

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TAMIL

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HINDU NADAR, 25, 174, Swathi, Thulam, B.Tech., well settled family, Business at Salem, seeks Qualified Bride, same caste. M: 98430-36363.

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TAMIL

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LINGAYATH, 27, 173 cms, Post graduate, from a Bangalore based high profile family with very good net worth. Looking for an amiable match from the same community in Bangalore. Contact: 6366530296

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TELUGU

REQUIRE A suitable alliance for a US born 26 year old who is a Doctor of Medicine specialising in Psychiatry from University of California at Los Angeles. Looking for a Medical Graduate, Doctor or Professional from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh or settled in USA. Bride belongs to Hindu Balija Naidu Community.Please respond with the details toPhone number Call 9003082280 or Whatsapp to 8825572576

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TAMIL

ROMAN CATHOLIC 35, 162 B.Tech, Govt Sector, Salary 60000 pm send profile to vtre951@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN, 41/170, never married, B.E. Software Engineer, settled in chennai, seeks educated girl from elite family. CT–9500188067

CHRISTIAN NADAR, 34yrs/178cms, MBBS with dip in Cardiology Private Doctor good looking lives in Nagercoil, Innocent Divorcee seeks same caste qualified Bride/ Divorcee above 28yrs. Ct: 90039 83230.

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Precious drops: The Mudumalai Tiger Reserve has many watering holes and small lakes that are full now. Pictured here is the Ombatta waterbody with water that will last till at least May.

Floral tribute: Some plants have bloomed early and some have been delayed due to the unusual rainfall. The flame of the forest trees are bursting with flowers now.

Arboreal watch: A leopard rests on a tree. The reserve is among those in the country with the highest density of leopards.

Part of the pack: Indian wild dogs enjoy the morning sun at the reserve, where they are one of the apex species in maintaining the predator-prey balance.

Crowned beauty: A male spotted deer rubs its horns on a tree, indicative of typical rutting and pre-mating behaviour.

HC imposes costs of ₹1L on bank, Union govt. for forcing centenarian to move court thrice for pension

It directs the government to pay arrears of ₹3.71 lakh with 6% interest to the 102-year-old pensioner within two weeks

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that bank officers need to visit elderly pensioners, at least in certain genuine cases when they do not submit life certificate within the deadline, the High Court of Karnataka has imposed costs of ₹1 lakh on a public sector bank and the Central government for compelling a 102-year-old person to approach the court thrice for release of freedom fighters' pension and arrears.

"Not in every case is the bank obliged to visit pensioners on failure to submit life certificate. However, in cases where there are genuine problems of pensioners' to visit the bank, it is the duty of bank officers to visit them, and take life certificate, and update them on the system as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs," the High Court said.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order on a petition filed by H. Nagabhushana Rao, a resident of Malleswaram, who is a recipient of honorary freedom fighters' pension from both the Central and State governments since 1974.

The court directed the Ministry to pay within two weeks the arrears of ₹3.71 lakh with 6% interest per annum from December 2018. The interest payable would become 18% per annum if the arrears are not released within two weeks, the court said.

As the petitioner was 97 when the bank stopped pension for non-submission of life certificate, the court said that bank officers should have visited the pensioner as per the guideline and regulated his pension.

Visit, but not always

"The pensioners could be septuagenarians, octogenarians, nonagenarians or centenarians, like the petitioner. Therefore, this order cannot be construed to be a sweeping direction in all cases where the life certificate has to be secured by the bank officers. But in genuine cases, bank officers ought to perform their duty in terms of the guidelines so as to avoid unnecessary litigation of the kind that has been generated, not once or twice, but three times," the court observed.

Mr. Rao's pension from the Central government, paid through Canara Bank, was stopped in November 2017 as he had failed to submit his annual life certificate as per the law in 2017 due to ebbing mental prowess and physical incapacity due to age. He submitted the certificate in December 2018. As the bank did not restore his pension, he moved the court in 2020 and the court ordered release of pension.

Though his pension was restored, the arrears of ₹3.71 lakh for 2017-2018 were not paid, forcing him to move the court again in 2021. The court, in 2022, directed the bank and the Ministry to consider payment of arrears as per the guidelines. However, the Ministry granted arrears of only one month instead of 13 months, leading him to move court with another petition. This time, the Ministry said the fault lies with the bank for stopping pension without verification about the pensioner as per the guidelines.

Spurned youth throws 'acid' at minor girl at Kanakapura

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister Halappa Achar visited the victim at Minto Ophthalmic Hospital in Bengaluru on Saturday.

A 17-year-old girl suffered injuries in her eye after a youth threw 'acid' on her face at Kanakapura on Friday. The accused, Sumanth, 22, is a resident of Kurupete, where he works as a mechanic in a garage. He has been arrested.

The victim suffered injuries in her left eye. She was initially treated at the Kanakapura Government Hospital and later referred to Minto Ophthalmic Hospital in Bengaluru where she is under treatment.

B.L. Sujatha Rathod, director of the State-run Minto hospital, said, "She has lost partial vision in her left eye due to the chemical thrown at her. The girl's left cornea has become hazy with grade-2 acid burns. Her vision has dropped by three lines. Apart from this, the girl has suffered mild burns on her left back, neck, and face. The patient refused admission, and is being treated as an out-patient."

The girl and the accused were reportedly on friendly terms for nearly a year, but the accused proposed a relationship, which she spurned, police sources said. On Friday evening, the accused waylaid the victim on Kanakapura bypass and tried to convince her to get into a relationship with him, sources said. But when she resolutely spurned him, an angry Sumanth allegedly splashed a chemical used in the garage on her face, police sources said.

"In her complaint, the victim has alleged that the accused splashed acid on her face. We collected the sample and sent it to the Forensic Sciences Laboratory, Madiwala, to ascertain its chemical composition," said Karthik Reddy, Superintendent of Police, Ramanagaram district.

However, sources in Kanakapura police said the liquid was a thinner, and not an acid. Based on the complaint from the victim, the police have booked the accused under Section 326A of Indian Penal Code, and various sections of the POCSO Act, 2012.

Minister visits victim

Women and Child Welfare Minister Halappa Achar visited the hospital and assured the girl and her mother that stringent legal action would be taken against the accused. The Minister said the government would provide all required assistance for her treatment.

KSRTC employees plan indefinite strike from March 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Stating that the State Budget had disappointed them, the Karnataka State Road Transport Employees League (KSRTEL) has called for an indefinite strike from March 1.

In a press note, the KSRTEL said, "During the protest in December 2020, the State government made a written promise to consider all the KSRTEL employees under the 6th Pay Commission. However, the government has been ignoring our demands since then. Instead of fulfilling our demands, the government had filed many false cases against the employees who protested and their family members."

"During a protest in Belagavi, when the State legislature session was being held in December 2022, the Transport Minister had promised us to consider all the KSRTEL employees under the 7th Pay Commission. However, there is no proposal in this regard in the State Budget presented on Friday," the employees said.

D. Venkateshmurthy, general secretary of the league, told *The Hindu*, "The government has hurt the 1.07 lakh employees of the KSRTEL. Therefore, we have decided to go on an indefinite strike from March 1 at Freedom Park in Bengaluru."

Carnatic vocal concert today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bangalore Gayana Samaja will present a Carnatic vocal duet concert by S. Aishwarya and S. Soundarya on Sunday.

They will be accompanied by Vishwajith Mathur on violin, D.R. Chethan Murthy on mridanga, and Shamitha S. Gowda on ghata.

The concert will be held on the samaja premises on K.R. Road from 5 p.m. Entry is free.

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• B.A. • B.Com
• B.Lib.I.Sc.
• B.B.A. (Marketing Management)
• B.Ed. (Through Common Entrance text)
• B.Sc - Combinations
(• PCM • PMCs • BcBZ • CBZ • BcBMi • BcMiFs • CBMi • CZEs • BcZEs)
[• P-Physics • C-Chemistry • M-Mathematics • Cs-Computer Science • B-Botany • Mi-Microbiology • Bc-Biochemistry • Z-Zoology • Es-Environmental Science • Fs-Food Science & Nutrition]
• B.Sc - Home Science
• B.Sc - Information Technology (B.Sc. IT)
• B.C.A. - Bachelor of Computer Applications

Post Graduate (PG) Programmes
• M.A.
• Kannada • English • Hindi • Telugu • Urdu • Sanskrit • Education • History • Political Science • Economics • Public Administration • Sociology • Ancient History & Archeology • Journalism & Mass Communication.
• M.B.A.
Specializations: • Finance • Marketing • Human Resource • Operations • Tourism • Corporate Law • Information Technology.
• M.Com.
with Dual Specializations: • Accounting & Finance/HRM • Marketing Management & HRM/Finance
• M.Lib.I.Sc.
• M.Sc.
• Physics • Chemistry • Mathematics • Bio-Chemistry • Bio-Technology • Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics • Computer Science • Environmental Science • Geography • Microbiology • Psychology • Botany • Zoology • Food Science and Nutrition • Information Technology

Post Graduate Certificate Programmes (1 year)
• English • Communicative English • Journalism & Mass Communication • Kuvempu Sahitya • Financial Management • Human Resource Management • Business Law • Business Administration • Marketing Management • Ambedkar Studies • Nutrition & Dietetics • Information Technology • Computer Application.

Diploma Programmes (10+2 Based) (1 year)
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Enrolment Information and Procedure
1. Eligibility criteria and Fee Structure are mentioned in the Prospectus, Candidates can download the Prospectus of the respective programs from the University's website. For Admission and all other information, applicants may visit KSOU website www.ksoumysuru.ac.in or they may visit any of KSOU's Learner Support Centres of their choice. For Admission Counseling, applicants may contact any of the Regional Centres/Learner Support Centres of KSOU located in their respective jurisdiction. Candidates can obtain admission through online directly from KSOU Head Office, Mysuru or from nearest Regional Centre of their choice, in-person. Visit "KSOU Online Admission Portal" to fill-up Online Admission Application Form.
• Admission fee to be paid through online mode only.
• Identity Cards and available Self-Learning Materials can be collected by the candidates from the Administrative Office of KSOU at Mysuru or from any of the Regional Centres of their choice.
2. SC/ST/OBC category eligible Candidates have to pay full fees and get admitted. They may avail the benefit of fee reimbursement from the Social Welfare Department, through State Scholarship Portal.
• 15% Fee Discount on Tuition Fee only, for female candidates coming under Below Poverty Line (BPL).
• 15% Fee Discount on Tuition Fee only, for Defense / Ex-Servicemen candidates.
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• Full fee exemption for **Blind candidates** subject to condition of production of the required certificate as per the Government orders from time to time in force, from the concerned Department **(Except B.Ed. and M.B.A.).**
• **25% Discount on Tuition Fee for Auto / Cab Drivers and their Family (Wife/Children) for UG/PG Degree programs only.**
• **Staff of the KSRTC/BMTC/NWKRTC/KKRTC will get 25% Discount on Tuition Fee for UG/PG programs.**
2. The details of the Learner Support Centres are available in the KSOU website.
Students are requested to contact KSOU authorised Learner Support Centres for counseling purpose.
• Apprenticeship and Stipend opportunities for ITI holders.
• 15% Discount on Tuition Fee will be given for those who opt for softcopy of Self-Learning Materials (SLMs) through KSOU App.

KSOU REGIONAL CENTRES
1. **Mysuru (Head Quarters):** Admission Section, KSOU, Mukthagangotri, Mysuru-570 006, Ph: (0) 0821-2500981, Mob: 96630 84454/94418 21447/ 99012 23043/98458 62927.
2. **Bengaluru-1 Regional Centre:** Satellite Bus Stand Building, 1st Floor, Mysore Road, Bapujinagar, Bengaluru-560 026. Ph: 080-26603664, Mob: 98449 65515.
3. **Bengaluru-2 Regional Centre:** KSOU Women RC, Govt. PU College for Girls, 4th Main, 13th Cross, Near BESCOM Office, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003, Ph: 080-23448811, Mob: 97411 97921.
4. **Bengaluru-3 Regional Centre:** Adithya Educational Institutions, No.12, Kogilu Main Rd., Behind Annapurneshwari Temple, Maruthi Nagar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 064, Mob: 98805 26439 / 90195 26439.
5. **Bengaluru-4 Regional Centre:** No. 3/3, LORA Business Academy Building, 2nd Floor, Begur Main Road, Hongasandra, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560 068, Ph: 080-23158888, Mob: 94486 68880.
6. **Belagavi Regional Centre:** Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Shikshana Mahavidyalaya Campus, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi-590 010. Mob: 89702 23247
7. **Ballari Regional Centre:** Behind Regional Science Center, Near District Stadium, Nellacheravu Pradesha, Ballari-583 102. Mob: 90351 43912/78925 97159.
8. **Chamarajanagar Regional Centre:** K.H.B. Colony, Ramasamudhra Layout, Near Immanuel Christian Public School, Chamarajanagar-571 313, Mob: 96323 46618.
9. **Chikmagaluru Regional Centre:** Saimandira Road, Madhuvana Layout, Chikmagalur-577 102, Mob: 89040 36090 / 94826 03060.
10. **Davanagere Regional Centre:** J. H. Patel Layout, Behind Shamanur, Naganur Road, Davanagere-577004, Mob: 99864 58055.
11. **Dharwad Regional Centre:** Karnatak University Public School Campus, KCD Road, Opp. LIC Office, Dharwad-580 008, Phone: 0836-2441199, Mob: 99168 94944.
12. **Hassan Regional Centre:** S. M. Krishna Nagar, Arasikere Road, Doddapura (Post), Near Kendriya Vidyalaya, B. T. Koppal, Hassan-573 118, Mob: 81978 18807/ 94826 03060.
13. **Kalburgi Regional Centre:** Institute of Kannada Studies, Gulbarga University Campus, Kalburgi-585 106, Ph. 08472-265868, Mob: 99167 83555.
14. **Karwar Regional Centre:** Old U.S.K.V. Building, 1st Floor, Savitha Circle Main Road, Karwar-581 301, Mob : 90085 40090 / 90353 95137.
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16. **Mandya Regional Centre:** C.S-11 (A), 'E' Block, Vivekananda Nagar Layout, Holalu-Melukote Road, Mandya-571 401, Mob: 97419 90284.
17. **Mangaluru Regional Centre:** Vokkaligara Yane Gowdara Seva Sangha, 3rd Floor, Near Sai Baba Temple, Lady Hill, Mangaluru-575 006, Ph. 0824–2454697, Mob: 99450 58950 / 99721 96692.
18. **Ramanagara Regional Centre:** Shantiniketan Group of Institutions, B. M. Road, Vivekananda Nagar, Ramanagara-562 159, Ph. 080 - 27274443. Mob: 99644 95936.
19. **Shivamogga Regional Centre:** Alkola Circle, Near LIC Office, Sagara Road, Shivamogga-577 201, Phone: 08182-250367, Mob: 91644 67131.
20. **Tumakuru Regional Centre:** CA-07, TUDA Layout, Rajiv Gandhi Nagara, Melekote, Tumakuru-572 105, Ph: 0816-2955580, Mob: 98445 06629.
21. **Udupi Regional Centre:** Old Zilla Panchayath Building, 2nd Floor, Bannanje, Udupi-576 101, Ph. 0820 - 2522247, Mob: 99725 26647/79755 10679.
22. **Bidar Regional Centre:** Government First Grade College, Naubad, Bidar, Mob : 98454 91995.
23. **Bagalkote Regional Centre:** Basaveshwara Arts College, BVS Campus, Bagalkote. Ph: 08354-220440, Mob : 88610 40975 / 73530 02301 / 97435 82257
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Admissions will commence from	:	17.01.2023
Last date for Admission	:	31.03.2023

For B.Ed. Progamme Entrance Exam.

Portal Opens on	:	17.01.2023
Last date for submission of Application	:	26.02.2023
Date of Entrance Examination	:	05.03.2023

Note: B.Ed Entrance Examination result will be announced in the University website

Exams and Classes will be conducted at different centres

Sd/-, Registrar

CET likely to be held in the second week of May

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) is planning to conduct the Common Entrance Test, which is the gateway to professional courses such as engineering, in the second week of May.

The security audit of the CET online application is going on and the KEA will announce the examination schedule on Tuesday.

To avoid delay in CET counselling and technical glitches, this year the KEA has modified the online application and made Revenue Document (RD) number a mandatory field for students who come under the reserved category. The KEA website is already linked with the Nadakacheri database and RD number of the student will be automatically verified.

Around 15,000 students had not entered the RD numbers, while some others had entered the wrong number. The KEA decided to consider all those students as general category students and announced the counselling schedule. This led to a protest and students alleged that the KEA denied them reservation. After this incident, the KEA again allowed students to enter the RD number and it led to a delay in counselling. Therefore, this year the KEA has decided to modify the online application.

Ramya S., Executive Director of KEA, told *The Hindu*: "After entering the caste of the student in the particular column, she/he should enter the RD number of the certificate. Otherwise, the cursor will not move to the next column in the application."

SSLC preparatory exam from February 27

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The preparatory examination for SSLC students will be held from February 27 to March 4.

It will be conducted at the taluk level and question papers will be uploaded to the Block Education Officers' login. The government had ordered that ₹60 should be collected from Class X students towards the expense of conducting the exam. However, after drawing criticism, it reduced the fee by ₹10.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
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TENDER NOTIFICATION (SHORT TERM)05/2022-23
(2ND Call) Dated : 15.02.2023

Notification No.E.E/RDPR/PD/TECH/TND/2022-23/1195 Dated : 15.02.2023

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Karnataka Rural Road Developnent Agency invites item Rate Tenders for Construction of Long Span Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III (Batch-I & II 2020-21) in Mysuru District 01 Work Amount Put to Tender varies from Rs.124.10 Lakhs with EMD 2.00% for General of Amount put to Tender (Two cover system). This scheme is fully funded by the Government of Karnataka. Calendar of Events : Last date for submission of Tender is 07.03.2023 upto 4.30 PM. Opening of Tender is 09.03.2023 @ 4.30 PM. For any further information, can be had from the O/O Executive Engineer, Project Division, Mysuru Phone No: 0821-2492254 & also available on https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in website.

Sd/- Tender Inviting Authority &
Executive Engineer
RDPR Project Division, Mysuru

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1031/2022-23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL,
IBC O&M Division, Rampur(PA). Tq:Sindagi, Dist:Vijayapur.
Ph.No:08488-224328, Email: kbjnleerampur@gmail.com
No: KBJNL/IBC/O&M/Div/PB-2/2022-23/2634 Dated: 16.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)

On behalf of Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL IBC, O&M Division, Rampur, invites bids for the Percentage tender from Eligible contractors for 10 number of AME of Colonies of works amounting to Rs. 119.26 Lakhs The Single cover bid submission procedure as per Rule 28 of KTPP Act shall be followed.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids in Single including EMD in e-cash. Contractor can access e-tendering document from 17.02.2023 to 27.02.2023 Last date for submission of bid is 27.02.2023 at 5.00 PM.

The bid will be opened on 01.03.2023 in the office of Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC O&M Division Rampur (PA) at 11.00 AM.

Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e portal/lines.Seam and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, IBC O&M Division, Rampur(PA)
ವಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/890/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಐಎ/2022–23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. DIVISION, GADAG.
Phone No : 08372-238782 Fax No. 08372-237268
E.Mail : eepwdgad@gmail.com
No: EEPWDGDG PB- NABARD-28 Head : 2022-23/7259 Dt.:16-02-2023

Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Public works department. Division, Gadag invites itemwise tenders from eligible tenderers of 04 work of total amount of Rs. **2276.00** Lakh (Min estimate amount: Rs. **485.00** Lakhs to Max Estimate Amount : **600.00** Lakhs) for the 4059-80-051-0-29-386 Head of account on behalf of the Hon'able Governor of Karnataka as per Standard Bid Document KW-4 through e-procurement. - http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/

(a) Last Date for Clarification upto : **22-02-2023,** (b) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders : **04-03-2023** (c) Opening of Technical /Financial Bid Date : **06-03-2023** (d) Opening of Financial Bid Date : **07-03-2023**

Work Indent No : 165264, 165263, 165265 and **165293**

The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. For further information contact the office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Division Gadag (08372-238782) during office hours.

GST shall be paid separately as per prevailing Government Order. The increase in GST shall not be paid in the extended period of contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time.

DIPR/Gadag/KSMCA/660/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Division, Gadag.**

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & G.W.D DIVISION, TUMKUR
Ref No.18/2022-23 (SINGLE COVER SYSTEM & TWO COVER SYSTEM) "E" PROCUREMENT DT. 13.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION Dated:13.02.2023

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of State of Karnataka, as per K.T.P.P act with latest amendments, Item wise "e"-procurement tenders are invited for the works mentioned under H/A : 4702- A&P, 4702-MOT & Atal Bhujal Yojana from the elgible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD. Tender publishing details are as given below.

1. Tender will be published through e-procurement on: Dated: 16.02.2023 2. Last date of queries on Dated: 21.02.2023 at 11.30 Hours. 4. Last date for Receipt of completed tenders through e-procurement portal may be uploaded before 17.00 Hours on Dated: 27.02.2023. 5. Technical Bid will be opened on Dated: 07.02.2023 at 17.05 Hours. 6. Financial Bid will be opened on Dated: 01.03.2023 at 17.10 Hours.

For further details, visit e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from the office undersigned, on working days. If the office happens to be closed on dates above as specified, the next working day at the same time and venue will be considered.

DIPR/TUM/973/MCA/2022-23 **Sd/-** Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D Division, Tumkur

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ
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ಸಂ./ಕಾಅ/ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿ/ಮೈ/ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್/ಸ.ಇಂ., ಕ.ಇಂ. 1 & 2

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 23/2022–23/ದಿ: 16–02–2023

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರುರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರುರವರ ಸಹಯೋಗದೊಂದಿಗೆ, **CPWD/ /KPWD/ WRDO/PRED and any other Government Organisation** ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾಗಿರುವ ಅಂದರೆ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಎನ್‌ರೋಲ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವ Iನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಮೂನೆ **KW-1, 2, 3 & 4** ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಂತೆ 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ **ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀಷಿಕೆಗಳ ಯೋಜನೆ** ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಮೈಸೂರು, ನಂಜನಗೂಡು ಮತ್ತು ತಿ.ನರಸೀಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ಚರಂಡಿಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ/ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಮೊತ್ತವು **ರೂ.3.00** ದಿಂದ **ರೂ.500.00** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಒಟ್ಟು 17 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ **ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ 07 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ/ಪಂಗಡ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತವು **ರೂ.8,750**/– ಗಳಿಂದ **ರೂ.50,000**/– ಗಳಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಮತ್ತು **10** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿದ್ದು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತವು **ರೂ.7,500**/– ಗಳಿಂದ **ರೂ.7.50.000.00**/– ಗಳಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗೆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್ ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.02.2023 ರಿಂದ 28.02.2023 ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣ/ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅಂತಿಮ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.02.2023,** 16.00 ಘಂಟೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **01.03.2023ರ ಸಂಜೆ 17.00 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಬೆಲೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಂತೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 29) O.S. NO: 26453/2020

BETWEEN :
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Promod G, Aged about 46 years, S/O. Mr. Gurumallappa
...Plaintiff

AND
Mr. GAURAV CHOUDARY
S/o. Nirmal Choudary, Aged 32 years, 318, 4th Avenue, 5th Main Teachers Colony, Koramangala Bangalore-560034 ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 8,03,093.07/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Three Thousand Ninety Three and paisa Seven Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. NO. 26453/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-29,** Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayo Hall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 27th day of March, 2023 at 11 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 13th day of February, 2023.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar City Civil Court Mayo hall BENGALURU- 560 005.

FX & CO., ADVOCATES, New No.9, Old No.11/1 Gover Road, Cox Town, BENGALURU- 560 001

IN THE COURT OF THE XL ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-41) O.S. No. 3314/2022

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office a : Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and Zonal office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 And also having Branch at MG Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative
Mr. Rohith Ali M. **...Plaintiff**
And :
Mr. Mohammed Faizan Khan
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Mohammed Faizan Khan, S/o. Nisar Ahmed Khan, Aged about 35 years, R/at. No.1, Tulip Manor Apartment, Ground Floor, 98, HBR Layout, Sneha Nursing Home, Near HRBR Isckon, HRBR Layout, Sneha Nursing Home, Bangalore-560043.
Permanent Address
at No: 18, Church Road, Near New Generation School, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs.9,60,319.73/- along with interest at the rate of 15% - P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XL Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-41), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 07-06-2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 23rd day of January, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 29) O.S. No. 26466/2020

BETWEEN :
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, Bangalore-560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Promod G,
Aged about 46 years,
S/o. Mr. Gurumallappa
AND :
MR. DEBASIS MALLICK
S/o. Baidhar Mallick
Aged about 41 years
001, Hemanth Sankh Apartment, Vignan Nagar, Near Beneka Motors Maruthi Service, Near Maruthi Service Center Bangalore- 560038

Summons to Defendants

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.13,33,950.53/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty and paisa Fifty Three Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26466/2020** and same is pending adjudication in CCH-29, Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **05th Day of 04 2023** at **11 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **13th day of February, 2023.**

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayohall Bengaluru- 560001

FX & CO., ADVOCATES, New No.9, Old No.11/1 Gover Road, Cox Town, Bengaluru- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF 26 ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYOHALL, AT BANGALORE CCH:20 O.S No. 25877/2017

BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Ltd., Represented by its Debt Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Noorahmed Tadsad
...Plaintiff
AND
Mr. T. Balaji ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr. T. Balaji., S/o Kalai Selvi, Aged about 32 years, Residing at No.112/6, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, Vasanthnagar Hosur - 635109

Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of Rs.4,05,836.33 (Rupees Four Lakhs Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Six and Paise Thirty Three Only) together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit to till the date of decree.

Hence, the Defendant hereby gave this notice to appear before the 26th Addl. City Civil and Session Judge, Mayohall at Bangalore Court (CCH:20) on 20/03/2023 At 11:00 AM either personally or through his Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex- parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 15th day of February, 2023.

By order of the Court, Deputy Registrar City Civil Court Mayohall (Unit), Bangalore

Plaintiff Counsel M.G.C. & Co., Advocate and Solicitors, No. 66, 4th Cross, Xavier Layout, Bangalore-560047.

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IN THE COURT OF THE XX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-32) O.S No. 3345/2022

Between :
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, having its head office and Zonal office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur main road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative
Mr. Rohith Ali M. **...Plaintiff**
And:
Mr. Naveen Kumar J
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Naveen Kumar J
S/o. Jankalaiah, Aged about 37 Years, Residing at No. 302, Sunil Grandeur, 3rd Main, 14th Cross, Hoysala Nagar, Near Ganesh Temple, Bengaluru- 560016.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs.5,44,219/- along with interest at the rate of 15% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.32), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 15th day of march, 2023 at 11:00 A.M to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 06th day of Februay, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01

IN THE COURT OF THE XII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-27) O.S. NO. 6853/2022

Between :
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Rohith Ali M **...Plaintiff**
And :
Mrs. Amulya L **...Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mrs. Amulya L,
W/o. Rajath,
Aged about 33 Years,
Residing at No.47, 2nd Cross, Hari Nagar, Anjanapura, Near Rama Mandira, Bengaluru- 560062.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs.6,85,063.12/-** along with interest at the rate of 15% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-27), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 25-03-2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parté.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 07th day of February, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01

Politicians make their presence felt at grand Maha Sivaratri celebrations

Many took it as an opportunity to connect with voters in their constituencies ahead of polls; event at Mallathahalli lake area draws activists' ire

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

This Maha Sivaratri, politicians made their presence felt as the countdown to the State Assembly elections has begun. They were seen actively participating in Sivaratri programmes at temples and other venues on Saturday, with many seeing the occasion as an opportunity to connect with voters in their respective constituencies.

Large posters and banners were put up in various parts of the city by MLAs, former councillors, and election ticket aspirants. BTM Layout MLA and former Minister Ramalinga Reddy had arranged various Maha Sivaratri events in his constituency where nightlong puja were held.

However, Mr. Reddy, said, "There is nothing new in celebrating festivals. Every year I put up pandals for puja for people to celebrate Maha Sivaratri. This year, everything has been connected to polls as it is an election year."

Devotees thronged Mallathahalli lake for Maha Sivaratri celebrations in Bengaluru on Saturday, and (right) huge cut-outs of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and other BJP Ministers at the venue. K. MURALI KUMAR

BJP leaders also used the same strategy to connect with the voters in the city. Malleswaram MLA and Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan distributed sweets and inaugurated various puja events at Kadu Malleshwara temple.

He also organised a nightlong event of music, dance, and cultural programmes at the government school grounds at Malleswaram.

Horticulture Minister Munirathna, BJP MLA for R.R. Nagar, organsied Maha Sivaratri celebrations within Mallathahalli lake area. Huge cut-outs, banners, and posters of leaders including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, and Ministers V. Somanna and R. Ashok were put up near the lake as also a huge temporary statue of Lord Shiva.

'Violation of law'

Meanwhile, activists alleged that the celebration near the lake is a violation of law. Leo Saldanha, environmentalist, in a release said, "This is in blatant violation of directives of the Chief Justice Bench in WP 38401/2014, where the court stayed any religious functions or installations within lakes, while staying the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike plan to install a Shiva statue inside Begur lake – a rule that reiterates the 2009 Supreme Court order that held the Chief Secretaries of all States responsible to follow the rule of law."

Mr. Munirathna was not available for comment.

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BBMP seizes movable goods from Mantri mall

"The total outstanding amount is ₹42.63 crore. We have been serving notice to the mall administration. However, they have not paid the dues. Hence, on Saturday, according to the procedure, we seized various movable assets from the mall," he said.

In 2021, the BBMP had sealed the mall for a few hours before it was reopened after the administrators handed over demand drafts for ₹5 crore.

Mr. Yogesh said the value of the seized goods would be calculated as per the procedure and the civic body would severe notice on further action.

INBRIEF

Kerala Governor announces launch of Vedic varsity

Governor of Kerala Arif Mohammad Khan released 'Janana Sarita,' a quarterly journal of Indian knowledge system, and announced the launch of Shakshi Vedic Virtual University (SVVU) by Shakshi Trust at Amruta Institute of Engineering and Management Sciences, Bidadi, on Saturday.

"India was the only civilisation based on its own knowledge systems. These journeyed to all parts of the world and returned through translation," he said at the Jnana Sarita conference.

Mobile health intervention leads to better lifestyle-related behaviour that prevents secondary stroke, finds trial

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Done across 31 stroke centres, the study has been published in Lancet Global Health

Findings of SPRINT India trial, a multicentre, randomised-controlled trial of semi-interactive mobile health interventions among stroke patients, revealed that a structured semi-interactive stroke prevention package improved lifestyle behavioral factors and adherence to medication.

Done across 31 stroke centres, including 13 government hospitals in India, the study was published in Lancet Global Health on February 14. The trial was done under ICMR's Indian Stroke Clinical Trial Network (INSTRuCT), a network of stroke-ready centres in India.

According to the ICMR, this is the first large randomised trial to use a structured education package aimed to reduce stroke recurrence and mortality in stroke survivors. The package included text messages (SMSes), health education videos, and a stroke prevention workbook for patients in 12 languages. Compared with routine care, while this approach did not improve primary outcomes, there was an improvement in some lifestyle behavioural factors and medication compliance.

Stroke (brain attack) is one of the leading causes of death and disability in India. High blood pressure, uncontrolled blood sugar, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, alcohol intake, lack of exercise and unhealthy diet are the other reasons for stroke. In addition, after a stroke about 20% of the patients in India develop another stroke (recurrence). The main reasons for recurrence are discontinuing medicines apart from the other risk factors.

The messages focused on controlling the risk factors, improving physical activity, eating a healthy diet, and adherence to medicines to prevent stroke. A total of 4,298 patients were randomly allocated to the intervention arm (2,148) and control arm (2,150) during the study period – between April 28, 2018, and November 30, 2021. The patients in the control group received standard care whereas those in the intervention arm received awareness material at weekly intervals to promote healthy living and adherence to medicines.

"As many as 1,502 patients in the intervention arm and 1,536 patients in the control arm completed one year of follow-up. The trial used complex behavioural interventions to reduce the recurrence of stroke. The results revealed that the semi-interactive stroke prevention mobile health packages improved lifestyle behavioural factors and adherence to medications. The trial went a step further than contemporary trials in assessing the effect on endpoints such as the recurrence of cardiovascular events and deaths. However, the follow-up period was short to show any differences between the control and intervention groups," stated a note from the ICMR.

Jeyaraj D. Pandian, professor of Neurology and principal, Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, who is the principal investigator of the clinical coordinating centre for the trial, said the proportion of patients who stopped smoking (83%) and alcohol (85%) improved in the intervention group as compared to the control group (78% and 75%, respectively).

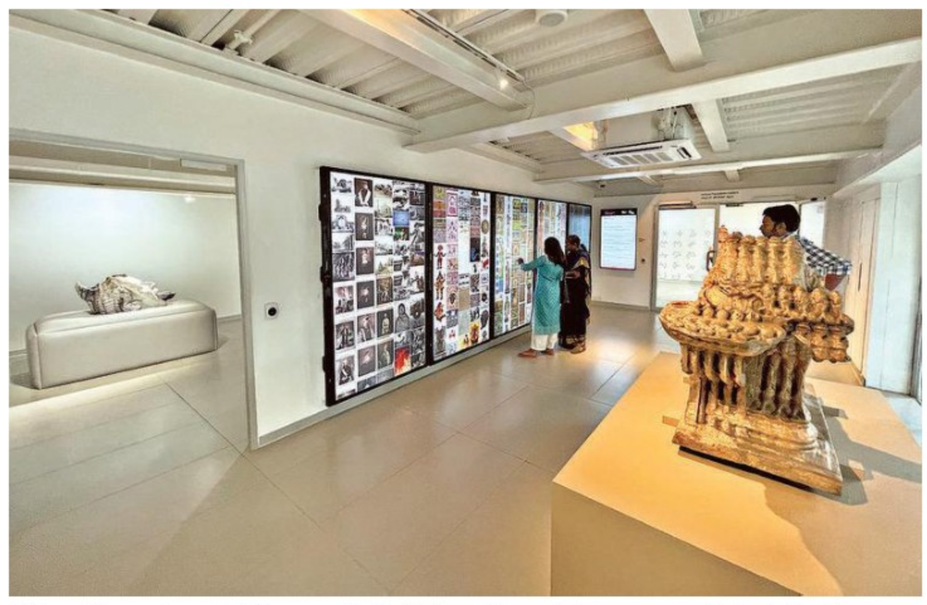
Protests against delay in completing Ejipura flyover

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ramalinga Reddy, Congress MLA for BTM Layout, along with party workers on Saturday held a protest against the BBMP and the State government for the delay in completing the Ejipura flyover project.

Mr. Reddy said, "This protest is to demand the completion of the Ejipura to Kendriya Sadan flyover soon. The flyover was planned by the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government in 2017. However, the present government is delaying the project. I have written several letters to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to expedite the project, but nothing has been done so far."

Showcasing artworks



Visitors at the newly opened Museum of Art & Photography, a private museum, on Kasturba Road in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, FEB. 19
RISE 06:41 SET 18:26
RISE 05:50 SET 17:37

MONDAY, FEB. 20
RISE 06:40 SET 18:26
RISE 06:43 SET 18:40

TUESDAY, FEB. 21
RISE 06:40 SET 18:27
RISE 07:32 SET 19:40

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	20
Mysuru	32	13
Bengaluru	32	17

Bengaluru Today
32°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be little warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
31°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be slight warm. Night will be slight cool with haze and mist.

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Gang that vandalised hotel held; man who set fire to pawnbroker shop arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city police arrested a gang of six men, including two property litigants, for allegedly vandalising a hotel at Nagarathpet recently. In another case, the police nabbed a person who set fire to a pawnbroker shop over a dispute over the money the gold he was pledging would fetch him.

Padmanabha Kedilaya has been running SLV Bhavan on City Street, Nagarathpet for the past 40 years. The property belongs to Nagarathara Hanumantharaya Shettara Dharmachatra Trust. However, R. Vinod Kumar, V. Prasanna Kumar, and M. Murugan had allegedly forged documents to claim the property belonged to them. A case was filed against them for this forgery and the case is under trial in the court. Meanwhile, around 1.30 a.m. on February 13, Vinod Kumar and Prasanna Kumar allegedly attacked the hotel with over 15 youths, vandalised the property, broke down walls, furnitures, attacked hotel employees, and fled snatching their mobile phones.

The Halasuru Gate police have arrested six people, including Vinod Kumar and Prasanna Kumar, in connection with the case. They have been booked under the Prevention of Destruction and Loss of Property Act, 1981.

Dispute over money

In another case, the Girinagar police arrested a man who set fire to a pawnbroker and his shop last week over a dispute over the money he wanted for the gold he was pledging.

The arrested has been identified as Basava, 45, a cab driver. Last Sunday, he had come to the shop, pledged some gold and demanded to be paid ₹50,000, to which the pawnbroker, Bhavar Lal, refused and bargained for a lower sum, which enraged Basava.

He stormed out of the shop only to return with a bottle of petrol which he allegedly splashed on the shop and Bhavar Lal and set fire.

While Bhavar Lal sustained burns on his back and is being treated at a private hospital, the shop was gutted, said the police.

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Haveri
This office letter No.033/PB/Tnd/5054-3054-8443/2022-23/8511/ Dated: 16-02-2023

E-Tender Notification

On 16-02-2023 through E-Procurement tender notification has been issued for the following Work Indent No. 164058, 164215, 164059, 164223, 163609, 164452, 164358 & 164357 Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated : **27-02-2023** (upto 4:00 PM). For further additional information, any changes & queries visit https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- (K.Ramesh)
Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Haveri

DIPR/Haveri/KSMCA/548/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. KOLIN SHAJAHAN, S/o. Sri. K. Allabakash has intend to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner Smt. S. Najma Begum, W/o. Sri. A. Sadik Basha, Residing at No. 29, 6th Cross Road, EWS, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 076

If any persons having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing BDA site No. 378, situated at BTM E.W.S, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 65 with property ID No. 65-51-378, measuring East to West 20 Ft. and North to South 30 Ft. in all measuring 600 Sq. Ft. together with residential building constructed thereon consisting Ground + First + Second and Third floor measuring and bounded on : East by : Site No. 379, West by : Site No. 377, North by : Site No. 367, South by: Road

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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)

ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಂ. ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/61/12/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17–02–2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಜಾಹಿರಾತು ನಂ:– ದಿನಾಂಕ:
ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: ಜಾಹಿರಾತು ನಂ:– 789 ದಿನಾಂಕ:– 26–11–2022

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸನ್ 2020–21, 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯ ಅನುದಾನ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಾಲಿನ ಅನುದಾನ, 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಡ ವಾರು ಅನುದಾನ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed that my client **Amitabh Deka s/o Bhairab Chandra Deka** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule herein from **Pazhayannur Krishnan Subramanian and Shobha Subramanian** (hereinafter seller). The seller represents and warrant that they are the absolute owners of the schedule property and they have not conveyed or entered into any Agreement to Sell/MOU or any sort of agreement with any other person/s, for sale/transfer of the schedule property and that the seller further represents and warrants that they have not encumbered, mortgaged or created any lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from them no other person/s, includes legal heirs, Firm or Company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within **Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Flat No.105,** in **First Floor,** in **"Sastha Sadanam"** measuring SBA of **1350 sqft,** and **740 sqft** UDS, with one covered car parking space, constructed on sites No.A-2, A-3, and B-3, converted land bearing No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)403/1992-93, situated at **Sonnathammanahalli Village, KR puram Hobli, Bangalore East Tq, Bangalore Dist,** Bangalore

Prashanth B.K, Advocate,
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INBRIEF

Two-day triennial conference of AINBEA concludes

The two-day XIth Triennial Conference of All-India NABARD Employees Association (AINBEA) concluded in Bengaluru on Saturday. A release said the conference discussed the challenges faced by PSU financial sector in general and NABARD in particular in the current environment, where, Central government wants to privatise PSUs. The conference decided to join the trade union and democratic movement to strengthen the working class to fight against the neo-liberal policy regime followed in India.

Stone industry has a responsibility towards sustainable mining: Bommai

The stone industry has a responsibility towards sustainable mining and there should be a discussion on maximum use of modern technology for minimum waste, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. Speaking at the valedictory of STONA 2023 15th international granite and stone fair on Saturday, he said the government was simplifying its policies to help the growth of the mining industry. "If the industry is ready to work under norms, it is possible to bring transparency and efficiency," Mr. Bommai said.

Wage and pension bills go north, while spending on social and economic services nosedives

Economic Survey and Medium Term Fiscal Plan says this 'could suggest the future vulnerability of the State fiscal position'

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

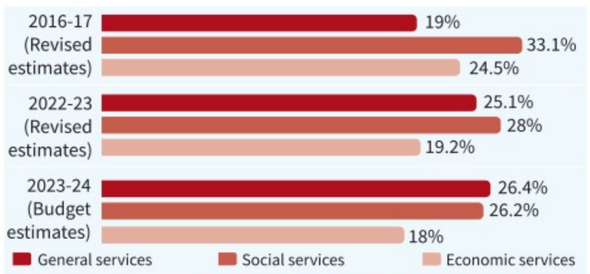
Even as Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has promised to implement the 7th Pay Commission for State government employees and a demand to revert to the fiscally dearer Old Pension Scheme (OPS) persists, Economic Survey and Medium Term Fiscal Plan (MTFP) flags concerns over burgeoning wages and pensions bill, expected to only to go up further.

Future vulnerability

The Economic Survey says this "could suggest the future vulnerability of the State fiscal position". "A larger proportion of the State Budget allocated towards committed expenditure would result in lesser fiscal space towards developmental and welfare expenditure. Further, the flexibility available to the government to manage its expenditure would get greatly diminished," says the MTFP, which is presented as part of the Budget papers on Friday.

The data part of MTFP shows that the share of wages, pensions, and administrative expenses of the total Revenue Receipts has been growing steadily from 33.7% in 2021-22 to 44% in 2023-24. The General Services Bill of the Budget, that includes salaries and pensions, which was ₹31,265 crore in 2016-17 has now burgeoned to ₹81,820 crore in 2023-24.

In figures



	2021-22 (Actuals)	2022-23 (Revised estimates)	2023-24 (Budget estimates)
Salaries in crore	47,386	55,358	68,491
Pensions in crore	20,666	24,078	26,980
Admin expenses in crore	4,114	7,237	5,382
Total in crore	72,166	86,673	1,00,853
Revenue receipts in crore	2,13,871	2,12,360	2,25,910
Revenue receipts	33.7%	40.8%	44%

Meanwhile, the government's spending on social services, that include Education, Health and Family Welfare, Water Supply, Sanitation and Housing, Social Welfare and Nutrition, and Economic Services that include Agriculture and allied services, Rural Development, Irrigation, Energy, Industry and Transport, has not risen proportionately.

Increasing pressure

However, there is increasing pressure on the State government to increase the wages and pension bills further.

Akhila Karnataka Rajya Sarkari Noukarara Okkoota, federation of government employees, issued a statement on Friday, hours after the Budget, condemning non-allocation of ₹15,000 crore essential to implement 7th Pay Commission immediately. The Okkoota also condemned the non-provision of 25% interim relief of the proposed hike immediately and the lack of commitment to revert to the Old Pension Scheme. Mr. Bommai, addressing the media after presenting the Budget on Friday, said his government was committed to implement the 7th Pay Commission Report.

The MTFP estimates that additional financial implications of implementing 7th Pay Commission would be in the range of ₹12,000 to ₹18,000 crore for the first year of its implementation. It further prescribes: "Further, to reduce the increasing expenditure on salaries and pension payment, it is essential to reorient the staff pattern and staff size as per changing public needs through effective utilisation of technologies." However, there have been no proposals in the Budget towards this end.

The elephant which was treated and released back into the wild at Bandipur on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Prime Minister compliments Bandipur staff for saving elephant

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has complimented the staff of Bandipur Tiger Reserve who treated and saved an elephant that had come into contact with a live wire and suffered injuries on Tuesday.

On learning of the elephant's plight, the field staff, including veterinarians, rushed to the spot and administered drugs besides IV fluids. The treatment lasted a few hours following which the elephant was goaded to stand on its legs.

The elephant which later limped back into the jungles was found to be stable. The video was shared on social media and it caught the attention of Mr. Modi and Union Minister for Forests, Environment and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav.

Mr. Modi tweeted: "Happy to see this. Compliments to the staff at Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Such compassion among our people is commendable."

Mr. Yadav, who shared the photographs and the video, took to Twitter, saying: "The female elephant has been released back into the Reserve and is being closely monitored. Our forest frontline workers are our pride."

Dip in subsidies in Budget: Food bill balloons despite same entitlements

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The subsidy earmarked for various social welfare schemes has come down from 10.6% of the revised Budget estimates of 2022-2023 to 10.1% of the Budget estimates for 2023-2024. While ₹30,803 crore had been earmarked for subsidies out of ₹2.89 lakh crore revised Budget for 2022-2023 that relates to 10.6%, the subsidies allocated for ₹3.09 lakh crore in the 2023-2024 Budget has been ₹31,367 crore or 10.1% of the total.

Interestingly, even as allocation for food and civil supplies has shot up severely, entitlements of the Public Distribution System (PDS) distribution remains the same. Within the subsidy basket, the subsidy for food and civil supplies has gone up from ₹2,810 crore last year (9% of the total subsidies) to ₹4,415 crore this year (14% of the total subsidies) this year.

Subsidy earmarked

Subsidy	2022-23 (*RE) in ₹ crore	2023-24 (**BE in ₹ crore
Agriculture and Horticulture	3,498.99	3,839.67
Animal Husbandry and Fisheries	98.87	108.67
Milk	1,207	1,200
Home and Transport	3,627.15	1,663.52
Forest, Ecology and Environment	3	1
Cooperation	2,307.55	3,233
Social Welfare	312.5	455
Women and Child Development	187.04	232
Information, Tourism and Youth Services	50	32
Food and Civil Supplies	2,810	4,415
Housing	1,053.77	1,200
Education	353.27	404.61
Commerce and Industries	1,192.01	1,420
Energy	14,102.61	13,163
Total	**30,803.76**	**31,367.46**

*Revised estimates **Budget estimates

Ekroop Caur, secretary, Finance Department, said the food subsidy bill has ballooned as the State government was now purchasing one kilo of rice/ragi to be distributed to households every month from the open market. "The Centre provides five kgs of free foodgrains and the State government is providing an additional kg of rice/ragi to eligible households. As the Food Corporation of India has stopped providing grains for this additional kg, we buy it from the open market," she explained.

Biggest decline

Meanwhile, the Home and Transport sector has seen the biggest decline in subsidy from ₹3,627 crore or 11.7% of the total subsidies last year to ₹1,663 crore or 5.3% of the subsidy basket. This is essentially because due to severe losses incurred by the State Road Transport Corporations during COVID-19, the State had provided them financial support of ₹2,335 crore in 2022-23, as a one-off measure, not continued this year, sources said. The energy subsidy has come down from ₹14,102 crore or 45.7% of the total last year to ₹13,163 crore or 41.9% of the total subsidies this year. Subsidies for commerce and industries, cooperation, housing, and education within the subsidy basket have gone up.

Cong. launches yet another poster campaign against BJP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After its "PayCM" poster campaign alleging 40% commission charges against the BJP government, the Karnataka Congress on Saturday launched another poster campaign against the ruling party, focusing on the Budget presented on Friday.

The Congress on Saturday started "Sakappa Saku Kivi Mele Hoova" ("enough of flower on ear" an idiomatic expression in Kannada that means "stop fooling people").

Slogan on display

Posters displaying this slogan were pasted on BJP posters that said "BJPya Bharavasagalu" (BJP's promises). Elected representatives from the Congress, along with their supporters, started this campaign in Bengaluru, Mangaluru, and other districts.

On Friday, Congress MLAs had symbolically tucked flowers behind their ears inside the Assembly during the Budget presentation to mark their protest against what they termed "unfulfilled promises" made by the ruling BJP.

Congress supporters pasted posters on the BJP's banner as part of a campaign on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Congress posters appeared on BJP posters showing Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP national president J.P. Nadda, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, his predecessor B.S. Yediyurappa, and BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel.

These posters were prominently seen on Jayamahal Road and Byatarayanapura in Bengaluru.

'People will give reply'

Meanwhile, hitting back at the Congress, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said that people of the State would teach them a fitting lesson by "keeping a flower on the Congress' ear" as they had done in many other States. "It is in fact the Congress that has fooled people for decades. But now, people know what the party is. The Congress is in such a condition in the country that one has look for it with binoculars," said Mr. Joshi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, **SRI. SHIVA PRASAD. S** Son of Sri. R. Sampangiramaiah, **SRI. R. SAMPANGI RAMAIAH** Son of Late. N. Ramaiah & **SMT. K. GANGA CHAITHANYA,** Wife of Sri. N. Venkatesh are the absolute owners of properties described in the Schedule hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client has negotiated and decided to develop the Schedule Property in to a Residential Layout consisting of Villas/Row Houses on a Joint development basis with the above said owners. Any persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to sell, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office **within 15 days from the date of publication hereof**, failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM NO. 1: (PROPERTY BELONGS TO SRI. SHIVA PRASAD. S)
All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped converted land bearing **Survey No. 219/1 (Old Sy. No. 219),** measuring to an extent of **1 Acre 17.08 Guntas** (duly converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Layout-Residential purpose vide Official Memorandum bearing No. 298465, dated 19.03.2022 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), situated at Muthsandra Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on the:
East by: Halla;
West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 217;
North by: Land bearing Sy. No. 218;
South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 219/2;

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Company adopts 300 TB patients under Nikshay Mitra

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Responding to an appeal made by Rajya Sabha MP Lahar Singh Siroya, Mandot Steels adopted 300 tuberculosis patients under the Nikshay Mitra initiative in the city on Saturday. Under this initiative, TB patients will receive essential nutritional support.

At an event in Malleswaram, Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Mr. Siroya, and Lalit Kumar Mandot from the company distributed protein-rich nutrition kits to TB patients.

Mr. Siroya said: "To meet the target of making India TB-free by 2025, we have so far adopted 1,100 patients in the capital city." Last year, Mr. Siroya adopted 500 TB patients in the city under Nikshay Mitra.

Aland dargah row: Hindus, Muslims perform rituals following court order

The Hindu Bureau
ALAND (KALABURAGI DISTRICT)

The rituals of 'urs' and Maha Sivaratri were performed one after other, by Muslims and Hindus, respectively, at Ladle Mashak Dargah in Aland on Saturday amid tight security. This was following the orders of the Karnataka Waqf Tribunal and then that of Kalaburagi Bench of the Karnataka High Court.

Members from the Muslim community performed 'urs' rituals before 12 noon and representatives of the Hindu community, led by Siddalinga Swami, offered puja to Raghav Chaitanya Shivalinga in the afternoon on the dargah premises.

Shops and business establishments remained closed for the day. Some shopkeepers said that they closed their business outlets on the directions of the police.

Siddalinga Swami of Karuneshwar Mutt at Andola performing puja to a Shivaling on Saturday. ARUN KULKARNI

However, Superintendent of Police Isha Pant, who camped in the town for the last few days to ensure peace, said the police did not force shopkeepers to close their shops.

Public transport was paralysed and private vehicles were barred from moving in the town. Barricades were put up everywhere and all the vehicles were stopped on the outskirts of the town. On Thursday, Additional Director-General of Police (Law and Order) Alok Kumar, along with other senor police officers, had led route march in the town to boost the morale of the public.

However, a huge crowd of BJP and Sri Ram Sena activists gathered in a public meeting that was said to be outside the Aland Town Municipal Council limits where Section 144 was imposed. Responding to media query, Ms. Pant made it clear that permission was granted for the event.

Addressing a charged gathering, Siddalinga Swamy, head of Karuneshwar Mutt at Andola in Jewargi taluk and State president of Sri Ram Sene, declared that a temple for Saint Raghava Chaitanya would be built on the premises of the Dargah.

'Study Australia Showcase' held at REVA varsity

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Australian Trade and Investment Commission organised a 'Study Australia Showcase' in partnership with Indian universities, starting at REVA University in Bengaluru on Friday, where officials from the commission highlighted various initiatives introduced by the Australian government to support Indian students aspiring to study in Australia.

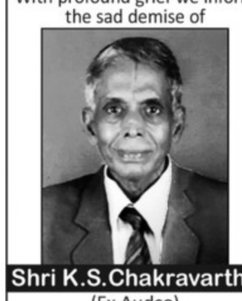
The showcase will travel next to Coimbatore on February 20 and Visakhapatnam on February 22, according to a release.

Over 1,000 students from schools, colleges, and universities in and around Bengaluru attended the roadshow. Around 13 of Australia's top universities showcased their offerings, said a release.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

With profound grief we inform the sad demise of



Shri K.S.Chakravarthy
(Ex Audco)
Expired on 17th February 2023
In grief: Family & Friends

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. S.M. DAS
07.01.1931 - 19.02.2017
FOUNDER
Das Material Testings Pvt. Ltd.
Daass Engineering Enterprises
Fondly Remembered by: Family & Staff
Phone: 9841034320

INBRIEF

BJP defends meeting of RSS leaders with Jamaat-e-Islami

The Communist Party of India (Marxist)'s "Muslim appeasement" helps only the Islamist fringe in the minority community and not the sizeable secular majority, BJP State president K. Surendran has said. He said Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan feared a conversation between the Jamaat-e-Islami (Hind) (JIH) and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh leadership because it would preclude the CPI(M) from reaping political dividends by stoking mistrust between communities. Mr. Vijayan on Friday excoriated the JIH for attempting to negotiate with the RSS.

BRS may debut in Karnataka election with JD(S) alliance

BRS to field candidates in the Kalyana Karnataka region, earlier known as Hyderabad Karnataka; sources say both KCR and Kumaraswamy are in no mood to split votes by contesting separately

Ravi Reddy
HYDERABAD

The dream of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) to fan out pan-India may kick-start with its debut in forthcoming Assembly elections in neighbouring Karnataka State.

The BRS may enter into a 'strategic' poll alliance with Janata Dal (Secular) led by former Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and field candidates in the Kalyana Karnataka (KK) region, earlier known as Hyderabad Karnataka region in the erstwhile Hyderabad State.

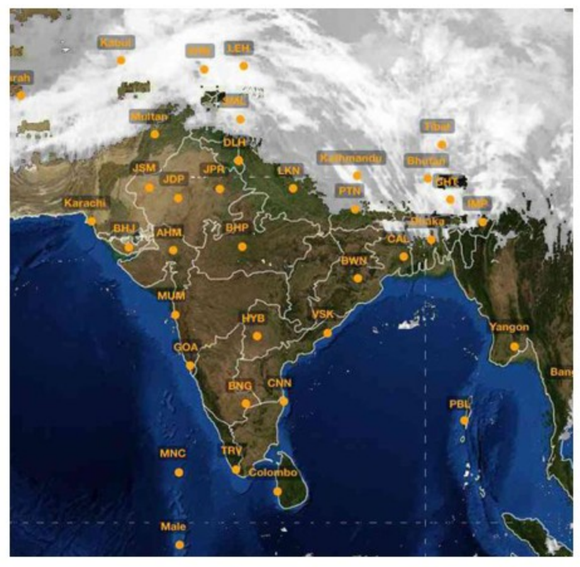
New beginning: BRS is likely to make its pan-India debut with Karnataka Assembly polls. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

According to highly placed sources and those privy to discussions among the key members of the BRS, this is a bid to bolster the fortunes of JD(S) in the Assembly polls by having a tie-up restricted to constituencies in the districts which border Telangana and Andhra Pradesh States even though the initial plan was to keep away from the polls.

"Mr. Kumaraswamy had telephonic discussions with the Telangana Chief Minister and BRS chief K. Chandrasekhar Rao few days ago. The two leaders are in no mood to split votes by contesting separately," they said, not wishing to be identified.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: No weather warning

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.0	15.0	Kozhikode	—	32.5	24.2
Ahmedabad	—	37.0	14.5	Kurnool	—	36.0	20.2
Aizawl	—	26.0	10.0	Lucknow	—	29.8	14.2
Allahabad	—	31.5	13.0	Madurai	—	34.6	18.4
Bengaluru	—	31.6	17.0	Mangaluru	—	32.3	22.2
Bhopal	—	—	13.4	Mumbai	—	37.9	19.4
Bhubaneswar	—	33.6	21.1	Mysuru	—	33.2	13.2
Chandigarh	—	28.3	12.0	New Delhi	—	29.6	11.7
Chennai	—	32.6	19.8	Patna	—	30.5	14.4
Coimbatore	—	33.4	19.2	Port Blair	15	30.5	23.2
Dehradun	—	28.2	11.1	Puducherry	—	32.6	19.0
Gangtok	—	19.4	10.4	Pune	—	34.8	15.3
Goa	—	33.6	20.0	Raipur	—	33.2	18.7
Guwahati	—	30.6	15.4	Ranchi	—	28.0	13.9
Hubballi	—	37.0	15.0	Shillong	—	22.0	9.5
Hyderabad	—	33.5	17.4	Shimla	—	25.3	13.0
Imphal	—	28.7	11.5	Srinagar	—	16.6	2.9
Jaipur	—	30.4	14.3	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.7	21.0
Kochi	—	31.8	23.8	Tiruchi	—	33.1	19.4
Kohima	—	21.0	8.0	Vijayawada	—	31.8	21.4
Kolkata	—	29.0	21.7	Visakhapatnam	—	31.1	25.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.20	6	.23	...227	...254	
Bengaluru	...4	..28	.20	...500	.....—	
Chennai	.22	..29	.50	...200	...163	
Delhi	.26	114	.47	...430	...386	
Hyderabad	...5	..56	.41	...144	...149	
Kolkata	.29	..24	.35	...118	...113	
Lucknow	.13	..73	165	...292	...275	
Mumbai	.23	..54	102	...317	...221	
Pune	.87	123	113	...246	...142	
Visakhapatnam	...6	..36	.12	76	...118	

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

IIMB receives 606 job offers; 512 students get placements

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) on Saturday said it received 606 job offers from various tech, non-tech, e-com enterprises, and banks during this placement season and all the 512 of its students who appeared for interviews landed jobs. The lateral and final placements for the PGP and PGP-BA class of 2021-23 IIMB saw 606 offers, leading to all the 512 students who appeared for placements being placed over two interview days, it said in a statement.

A file photo of IIMB.

Debolina Dutta, chairperson, career development services, IIMB, said, "Our students received offers from reputed companies despite a slowdown in the market."

Consulting companies made 221 offers, led by Accenture with 32 offers, followed by Boston Consulting Group with 26 offers.

Prominent recruiters in the IT and product management domain made 85 offers. They included Paytm (13), Microsoft (10), Cogoport (8), and Jio Platform (7), NatWest Group (5), Cisco (4), Amagi (3), BrowserStack (3), Tata Play (3), UHG - Optum (3), Zomato (3), Myntra (2), NoBroker (2), Publicis Sapient (2), Tekion (2), and ZEE Entertainment (2).

Other companies in the IT/product management domain rolled out 13 offers. E-commerce saw 22 offers with Amazon (14) and Flipkart (8) solely contributing.

The finance domain witnessed 75 offers. Goldman Sachs made eight offers followed by Kotak Mahindra Bank (6), Avendus Capital (5), and Citi Bank (5) while 16 offers were received from leading financial institutions.

Conglomerates and family-run businesses recruited for their leadership tracks making 86 offers in general management positions with Adani Group and Vedanta leading with eight offers each.

Students opting for sales and marketing roles received 67 offers and were recruited by major consumer goods firms led by Asian Paints (8) and Samsung India (5).

Operations roles saw 15 offers. The analytics sector rolled out 35 offers in total with American Express leading with 16 offers.

Kapil Kukreja, placement representative, said, "We witnessed yet another placement season with an increase in offers across all sectors, driven primarily by consulting and product management roles. Strategy consulting continued to be the most sought-after role among the students, followed by general management and product management."

Munnar sees rare weather pattern as mercury dips to sub-zero levels again

Sandeep Vellaram
IDUKKI

After a month, the mercury dipped to sub-zero levels again at the hill station of Munnar in Kerala's Idukki district on Saturday. The month's lowest temperature of -1° Celsius was recorded on Saturday morning at Chenduvarai and Silent Valley. The temperature last dipped to -2° Celsius on January 20.

As per data from the United Planters Association of South India (UPASI) tea research foundation, the temperature recorded on Letchmi estate was 0° Celsius, Sevenmalai 0° Celsius, Munnar UPASI 1° Celsius and Devikulam R&D 3° Celsius on Saturday morning.

A wilted tea plantation at Chenduvara, near Munnar, on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The hill station has been experiencing chilly weather for the past three days. "Sub-zero temperatures are expected to continue in the coming days too," said the sources.

Climatologist Gopakumar Cholayil told *The Hindu* that after 2019, the hill station was experiencing sub-zero temperatures this year. "After the second week of February, temperatures in Munnar typically show a rising trend. But the continuing chilly weather is an unpredictable winter pattern," he said.

A study titled 'Climate change and cropping systems across the high ranges of Kerala' by G.S.L.H.V. Prasada Rao and Gopakumar Cholayil under Kerala Agricultural University pointed out that the widening of the temperature range can impact thermosensitive crops like coffee, tea, cardamom, cocoa and black pepper which were grown across the high ranges of Kerala.

BUSINESS CONNECT

A Business Initiative

Swatantra Geetham- Puppet Theatre, Story Telling, Dance and Drama presentation by the Artistes of Bhagawan Sri Ramana Maharshi Research Centre, Bengaluru

Bhagawan Sri Ramana Maharshi Research Centre (BSRMRC), Bengaluru presented 'Swatantra Geetham', a unique theatre production as a part of their 46th National Seminar and Cultural Festival on 11th February 2023 at the Ramana Maharshi Heritage Auditorium, Sanjaynagar.

The theme was based on the vision of Ganapathi Muni for spiritual rejuvenation of India. The story unfolded through the conversations between the Muni and Ramana Maharshi. Mrs. Srividya Srinath ably played the role of Ganapathi Muni and Mrs. Rupa Hemanth led the dance team. The appropriate incidents from the life of Ramana Maharshi which explored the significance of India's National Symbols including Lotus, Banyan tree, Tiger, Peacock and Mango were depicted through puppet theatre.

The puppet team was led by Mrs. Shubha Pranesh and Mr. Raghavendra - Ustad Bismilla Khan Yuva Puruskar 2020 Awardee. The various depictions were woven by the story narration by Mrs. Aparna Athreya. The drama also included the significant dialogue between Jamnalal Bajaj and Babu Rajendra Prasad with the Maharshi which has been recorded on 16th August 1938. The concept, script and choreography were by Sri Ujwal Jagadeesh. The Cultural presentation was appreciated by the connoisseurs and Sri Venkatesh Deshpande, President, BSRMRC. This was premiered to commemorate the celebrations of 75 years of Indian Independence.

Workshop on basics of anesthesia and patient monitoring

A one-day workshop was organized by the Dept. of Ilmul Jarahat sponsored by M/s Drager on 07-02-2023. The aim of the program was to update the Faculty, Students, and Staff with the latest techniques of anesthesia and patient care. About thirty-five participants including faculty members, hospital doctors, PG students, OT staff, and hospital staff took part in the workshop. Prof. Abdul Wadud Director NIUM extended his full support and wishes for the workshop.

In the inaugural session, Director I/c appreciated the efforts of the HoD Ilmul Jarahat for introducing such programs in the AYUSH system of medicines thus enhancing the integration of the system with the conventional system of medicine. In his welcome speech, Prof. S Shah Alam HoD Ilmul Jarahat briefed about the scope of anesthesia and stated that such programs are part of the teaching and training of the students and capacity building for faculty. He also assured that more programs will be conducted in the future with practical utility.

The workshop consisted of three important lectures on the basics of anesthesia, ventilation modes, and patient monitoring. The lectures were delivered by the expert team of the field.

After the priming for the basic anesthetics, participants underwent hands-on training on the latest model of the anesthesia machine and monitors. The training was supervised by the team experts, and they made it possible to help participants at all crucial steps. The working of the machine was taught to every participant and the training was individualized to each of the participants.

Feedback from the participants was very satisfying and most of the participants insisted on more such training.

The program ended with a vote of thanks presented by Dr Firdous Ahmad Najar, Associate Professor Dept of Ilmul Jarahat.

PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client Mrs. AMREEN AHMAD, has negotiated to PURCHASE THE BELOW MENTIONED SCHEDULE PROPERTY from the Present owner Sri Aleem Syed, son of Syed Anwar, residing at No.17, Circular Street, Akkithimmanahalli, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-27. If anybody having any claims, right, title, interest or any objections of the proposed sale, may please submit their representations/Objections along with the documentary proof to the undersigned advocate within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, if no response received from anybody, thereafter my client shall be at liberty to proceed to obtain the Sale Deed in his favour.

That Sri Aleem Syed, had lost the General Power of Attorney executed by Nisar Ahmed in favour of Sri S.Paul in respect of the schedule Property and he had already lodged the complaint before the concerned Police Station authorities and so far he has not received the same from the public.

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From Page One

AI's jumbo order bares pilot pinch

For the 470 aircraft alone, Air India and its sister airlines will require "7,000 to 8,000 pilots over the next decade, or nearly 700-800 pilots in a year," says an industry official closely involved with the process. "This is a massive challenge. When we don't have enough pilots to manage the present scale of operations, where will new pilots come from," asked the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The order includes 70 wide-bodied or twin-aisle jets: 40 Airbus 350s, 20 Boeing 787s and 10 Boeing 777-9s, and 400 narrow-bodied aircraft: 210 Airbus 320/ 321Neos and 190 Boeing 737 Maxs, with the planes set to arrive "over the next decade", according to a social media post by Air India's Chief Commercial and Transformation Officer Nipun Aggarwal.

As many as 31 aircraft are set to arrive in the second half of 2023, with a large chunk of the remainder due to come from 2025.

Air India recently faced cancellations and delays of its highly remunerative flights to the U.S. and Canada due to paucity of crew.

"When an airline is forced to cancel 30 flights per day due to pilot shortage, it can incur a loss of ₹3 crore per day, or approximately ₹1,000 crore a year," says Hemanth D.P., CEO, Asia Pacific Flight Training Academy and ex chief commercial officer and chief operations officer, GMR Airports. "For an airline that operates 1,500 flights every day, 30 flights is equivalent to 2% of its total flights and a similar percentage in loss in revenue from operations. But at the same time you are paying support crew to stay home or in a hotel, paying engineering staff and your planes are grounded. Lack of pilots, pushes operational costs up, resulting in airfares rising and harming the airline and end users," he added. In February 2019, IndiGo was forced to cancel a large number of flights due to pilot shortage.

Though the new planes are expected to replace the airline group's present fleet strength of almost 200 planes, the industry official said that the substitution would happen over a period of time. "Current fleet is going to run simultaneously for a period of time, and is also being refurbished," he noted. At the same time, there would be many pilots who would be retiring, he observed, describing the situation as "a nightmare".a

Since the order is staggered over a 10-year period, the delivery of 470 aircraft over this period will mean nearly "3-4 aircraft per month". An average of 12 sets of pilots (12 co-pilots and 12 pilots per aircraft) for ultra long haul flights such as to the U.S., and 8.5 sets of pilots for long haul flights such as to Europe, alongside an average of 7 sets of cockpit crew for every narrow body, gives a total of nearly 7,000 pilots and co-pilots, according to a back of the envelope calculation.

To add to the challenge is the fact that Air India has placed an order for A350s, which is a new type of aircraft in its fleet, and will require a fresh batch of crew as pilot training is specific to each type of aircraft. Many closely involved with flight operations at some of the leading airlines in the country say this will prove to be an operational challenge as crew cannot be shuffled around from Boeing 777 or 787-9 fleet, say if there are delays due to inclement weather.

According to the DGCA data for 2021-2022, there are a total 8,573 pilots in the country for nearly 700 aircraft.

Appellate tribunal for GST gets Council nod

"The entire pending balance of GST Compensation of ₹16,982 crore for June 2022 [the last month of the five-year period since GST's launch for which such recompense was payable to States] will be cleared," she said. Six States and Union Territories, including Telangana, Odisha and Puducherry, are also being paid ₹16,524 crore as additional compensation based on certificates from their respective Accountant Generals.

A bulk of this sum will go to Karnataka (₹7,806 crore), Tamil Nadu (₹4,223 crore) and Delhi (₹2,393 crore).

Meeting in person after a gap of nearly eight months, the Council also approved lower penal charges for delayed filing of annual returns by businesses with a turnover of up to ₹20 crore a year. An amnesty scheme for taxpayers unable to file three statutory returns, that entails conditional waivers or reductions in late fees for such filings, also got the Council's nod.

The GST rate on *Raab*, a kind of liquid jaggery typical to sugarcane-growing States like Uttar Pradesh, will be reduced from 18% to nil, if it is sold loose, and 5%, if it is pre-packaged and labelled, Ms. Sitharaman said. "Then there has been quite a lot of discussion on pencil sharpeners, which is being reduced from 18% to 12%," she added.

"The Council also decided to extend the GST exemption available to educational institutions and Central and State educational boards for conducting entrance examinations to any authority, board or a body set up by the Central Government or State Government, including National Testing Agency for conduct of entrance examination for admission to educational institutions," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

The Council accepted the report of a ministerial group on whether capacity-based taxation and special composition scheme should be considered for evasion-prone sectors like pan masala and gutkha. While no special dispensation will be offered for such sectors, the Council has decided to switch the compensation cess levied on these commodities from an *ad valorem* basis to a specific tax-based levy.

Pensioners brace for joint legal battle over EPFO decision to 'recover' higher payments

Accusing the organisation of interpreting the SC order to its benefit, pensioners prepare a contempt petition against the regulator; they point out that their higher pension of ₹8,000 to ₹15,000 has been reduced to ₹1,500 to ₹5,000 without approval by the court or issue of recovery notices

A. M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

Prahlad Singh, an octogenarian pensioner retired from the Haryana State Cooperative Agricultural and Rural Development (HSCARD) Bank in 2002, is very active in the fight for higher Provident Fund (PF) pension based on the actual salary at the time of retirement. Hailing from Bhiwani in Haryana, Mr. Singh even went to Kerala some years ago to collect a High Court order that favoured higher PF pension. He succeeded in his fight but now, to his utter shock and disbelief, the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has stopped his higher pension and asked him to return the amount he received in a staggered manner. He received a notice from the EPFO a week ago.

"Around 300 pensioners like me, who retired from the HSCARD Bank, have received notices from the EPFO. This pension is our only income. Our revised pension has also been stopped," Mr. Singh told *The Hindu*. From ₹6,076 per month, Mr. Singh's pension has been reduced to ₹1,895 by the EPFO from January. He added that he is preparing a contempt petition against the EPFO with the help of some lawyers.

Another battle

He believes that he was targeted for speaking up for pensioners' rights. "I had circulated copies of judgments and other information among the pensioners, and we also started a fight for higher pension. We got higher pension after a long fight. We are being targeted for working for the rights of pensioners. The new verdict, in fact, has nothing to do with us," Mr. Singh said.

Official defence: A senior EPFO officer denied claims that pensioners were being targeted for their 'activism'. FILE PHOTO

R.C. Gupta, who led a legal fight in the Supreme Court and received a favourable verdict for higher pension in 2016, also got a notice. "I retired in November 2008 from Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation as general manager. My monthly Provident Fund pension was ₹1,700. We went to Supreme Court and got a verdict in favour of us in 2016 and started getting higher pension based on our actual salary at the time of retirement. This notice is a misinterpretation of a recent Supreme Court judgment. More than 1,500 pensioners retired from HPTDC, who opted for higher pension based on actual salary, have got similar notices. We have decided to move a contempt petition against the EPFO's decision," he said. "We don't get government pension. Most of the pensioners are around 70 years of age and won't be able to stand for another long legal fight."

Parveen Kohli, another activist, has also received a notice. "It shows the high-handedness of the EPFO. The EPFO interpreted the Supreme Court order for their benefit and stopped the higher pension," he said. More than 20,000 pensioners have received a similar notice, he said.

A retired journalist, Neelam Gupta, too, fought for adequate pension for her colleagues. "We have paid our higher share from salaries to the EPFO and we are entitled for higher pension. It was between ₹8,000 to ₹15,000 and now EPFO has brought it back to ₹1,500 to ₹5,000," she said.

Krishna Moorthy S., an advocate from Kerala, said he was preparing a contempt petition. "Deduction of pension cannot be endorsed even by the EPFO's rules. The EPFO notification said recovery can be done only after taking an approval of the court. But the regional offices have not even served the notices. They have misinterpreted the Supreme Court's order to the advantage of the EPFO, to achieve their intention of stopping higher pension," he explained.

Charges denied

A senior officer from the EPFO headquarters said the recovery is being done by regional offices on the basis of the data before them. He denied that the EPFO is targeting certain pensioners.

The EPFO had issued a circular to its regional offices recently, asking them to be careful while calculating the higher pension and recover the additional amount additionally given to pensioners. The notice was based on the November 4 Supreme Court verdict on the matter.

Minister's resignation linked to CLP meet episode

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

The resignation of Minister Mahesh Joshi, a close aide of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, as Chief Whip of the ruling Congress in the Assembly is set to create a political upheaval here, as it is connected with the September 25, 2022 meeting of the Congress Legislature Party, which was boycotted by 81 MLAs. Mr. Gehlot accepted the resignation on Friday.

Mr. Joshi was one of three Congress leaders given show-cause notices by the party high command for holding a parallel gathering of MLAs after boycotting the CLP meeting. His resignation and its acceptance have been perceived as a "disciplinary action" on the insistence of former Deputy CM Sachin Pilot.

Sanctions-hit Russia proposes manufacture of its civil jet in India

Dinakar Peri
BENGALURU

Sanctions-hit Russia, which is going for import substitution in a big way, has proposed to manufacture its Sukhoi Superjet civil aircraft in India. The plane-maker United Aircraft Corporation (UAC) is in talks with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL).

The plan is to manufacture the Superjet in Russia with Russian components and in India, make an international version with foreign components, said Yury B. Slyusar, director-general of the UAC.

"We offered to the Indian side to assemble the Sukhoi Superjet with foreign-made components here in India in line with international technical specifications... Our plan is to manufacture in Russia with Russian components and in India to set up manufacturing of Sukhoi Superjet international, which can be built very fast...," Mr. Slyusar said, speaking to a few journalists on the sidelines of Aero India last week. "On the request of HAL, we made a presentation and sent it to them and we are awaiting their feedback."

The Superjet 100 is a 100-seater civil aircraft designed and developed by te Sukhoi Corporation, which has now been merged into the UAC along with the MiG Corporation. The other major Russian aircraft manufacturers, Ilyushin and Tupolev, are set to be merged with the UAC. The Superjet could be the first Indian-made civil aircraft, which meets the requirements of national aviation authorities, he noted.

In a related development, last week, Air India

Yury B. Slyusar

announced a massive deal for the procurement of 470 civilian aircraft: 250 from Airbus and 220 from Boeing. Separately, India is currently evaluating proposals from three global engine manufacturers – General Electric, Rolls-Royce and Safran – to co-develop and manufacture a fighter jet engine locally to meet future Indian requirements.

On the situation against the backdrop of the sanctions, Mr. Slyusar said the Superjet has foreign components that were being certified by European certification agencies and at present, they are making an "absolute Russian variant with Russian components, avionics and systems so that there are no foreign components".

Import replacement

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Russia has seen a series of sanctions imposed by the West and was expelled from the global SWIFT payment system. Since then, they have been doing import replacements, Mr. Slyusar said.

On the choice of HAL, he said Russian firms have extensive military cooperation with the firm and it will be a nice platform to convert to civil items. A total of 200 Superjet aircraft had been manufactured and all of them were in active operation, he said.

UAE chapter of business council set to boost trade

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Coinciding with the first anniversary of the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), the two sides on Saturday established the UAE chapter of the UAE-India Business Council (UIBC-UC). The bilateral outfit was launched by UAE's Minister of State for Foreign Trade Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi.

Other representatives present on the occasion were India's Ambassador to the UAE, Sunjay Sudhir, Consul-General of India in Dubai Aman Puri and UBIC-UC founding members.

The Consulate General of India in Dubai said the council is poised to play a big role in supporting both governments in maximising UAE-India relaitonship.

Man in remand for suspected murders by cow vigilantes

Press Trust of India
JAIPUR/GURUGRAM

Rajasthan police have booked five persons linked to Bajrang Dal and arrested one of them

A Rajasthan court on Saturday sent one accused to police remand for five days in connection with the alleged abduction and murder of two men by cow vigilantes, while Haryana authorities moved to cancel the arms licence of Bajrang Dal member Monu Manesar, who is among the four evading an arrest in the case.

The family members of Nasir (25) and Junaid alias Juna (35), residents of Ghatmeeka village in Bharatpur district of Rajasthan whose charred bodies were found inside a burnt car in Loharu in Bhiwani in Haryana on Thursday morning, met Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot who assured them that all the accused would be arrested at the earliest.

The Rajasthan police had booked five persons linked to Bajrang Dal in the case and arrested one of them, Rinku Saini.

Separately, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that Rajasthan and Haryana police were cooperating and the guilty would not be spared.

Meanwhile, the Haryana police said they are investigating a complaint filed in Nuh by the mother of one of the accused, Shrikant Pandit, alleging that the Rajasthan police had forcibly taken away her two other sons after assaulting her family members, including her full-term pregnant daughter-in-law who lost her child after the incident.

Varun Singla, Superintendent of Police of Nuh, said that an investigation has been initiated on the complaint. Members of Hindu outfits including Vishva Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal held a protest in Gurugram and other districts in Haryana, demanding a CBI inquiry.

'Haryana govt. should stop patronage of *gau rakshaks*'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Haryana Government should be held accountable for the patronage it extends to the so-called "*gau rakshak*" gangs, the CPI(M) said in a statement, condemning the brutal murders of Junaid and Naseer, who were allegedly kidnapped, beaten, and burnt alive by a Bajrang Dal gang operating on the Haryana-Rajasthan border.

A delegation of CPI(M) leaders led by Brinda Karat, the party's Rajasthan State Committee secretary Amra Ram, and others, met the victims' families.

"It is essential for the Rajasthan Government to act firmly, more so since the initial crime of kidnapping took place in Rajasthan. The criminals named must be arrested without delay. Compensation of ₹50 lakh, as given by the government in the earlier communal murder of Kanhaiya Lal, should be given to the families, along with employment assistance," Ms. Karat said.

Allocations for MGNREGS under BJP rule more than in UPA dispensation: Minister

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Dismissing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's charges against the MGNREGS, Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh said on Saturday that allocations for the scheme and asset creation under it during the Narendra Modi government were more than during the previous UPA dispensation.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of Saras Mela in Noida, Mr. Singh took strong exception to Mr. Gandhi's Facebook post alleging a reduction in MGNREGS Budget and said the Congress leader should get his facts and figures right before making such "wild allegations". He challenged Mr. Gandhi to a debate on the scheme.

Mr. Singh said that in the 10 years of the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance government, the Budget Estimate (BE) for the MGNREGS never exceeded ₹33,000 crore and in most of the fiscals, part

Giriraj Singh

of the allocated funds got surrendered due to poor implementation.

Under the Narendra Modi government, the Revised Estimate (RE) for the scheme exceeded the Budget Estimate every year, he said.

This year, the BE of ₹73,000 crore has touched the figure of ₹89,400 crore in RE as the Rural Development Ministry received ₹16,000 crore out of ₹25,000 crore demanded due to accumulation of State dues. According to a statement from the Ministry, in 2019-20, the BE was ₹60,000 crore and the RE went up to ₹71,000 crore.

In 2020-21, the BE of ₹61,500 crore went up to a whopping ₹1,11,500 crore due to the reverse migration of rural population amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and the increased demand for work.

Similarly, in the financial year 2021-22, the BE of ₹73,000 crore touched ₹99,117 crore in RE.

Mr. Singh also challenged Mr. Gandhi to check the asset creation under the rural job scheme during the UPA rule which, he said, was merely 17%. In the past nine years, the asset creation had already crossed 60%.

On Friday, Mr. Gandhi slammed the BJP government for reducing MGNREGS Budget and alleged that the scheme was becoming a victim of the Centre's repressive policies. He also accused the government of misusing Aadhaar against the poor by linking it to the scheme. Mr. Singh said that it was only to bring full transparency to implementation of the scheme.

Delhi Mayor election will be held on February 22

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Saturday approved the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government's recommendation to hold the Delhi mayoral elections on February 22.

The L-G's nod came hours after Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's recommendation that the mayoral election be held on the said date. This will be the fourth attempt at conducting the polls.

The decision comes a day after the Supreme Court had directed that the nominated persons (aldermen) cannot vote in meetings of the House, which sees the Mayor's election, and to notify the date for the election within 24 hours. Earlier, senior AAP leaders and party workers gathered outside the residence of the L-G and demanded the Mr. Saxena's resignation, over "unconstitutionally delaying" the Mayor's election.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said the party will abide by the apex court's order, but added that the AAP will disrupt the House meeting after a Mayor is elected.

Meghalaya's UDP fancies being in the driver's seat this time

It gave India the formula of splitting an Assembly term when B.B. Lyngdoh was the Chief Minister in 1998; the United Democratic Party, once perceived as a Khasi regional outfit, is banking on its new-found image as pan-State organisation

Rahul Karmakar
MAIRANG

People attending a rally addressed by UDP president Metbah Lyngdoh in Mairang. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The party that gave India the formula of splitting an Assembly term 50-50 with the toss of a coin aims to call the shots once again in Meghalaya, which has not had a clear mandate after the first election in 1972.

The best the United Democratic Party (UDP) has managed in an election was 20 seats in 1998 when B.B. Lyngdoh, considered the father of the MLA scheme in the country, became its first Chief Minister. His tenure in the term-splitting experiment with the Congress was short-lived.

Coalition phase

The UDP has been a part of every government since, barring the 2013-18 coalition phase led by the Congress. The party had two more Chief Ministers – its founder E.K. Mawlong and Donkupar Roy – who did not last long.

But the party believes it could be in the driver's seat this time and not just be a minor constituent of "more resourceful" rivals such as the National People's Party (NPP), headed by Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, and its prime challenger, the Trinamool Congress.

The party president, Metbah Lyngdoh, also the Speaker of the 60-member Meghalaya House, expects the UDP to do better than the nine, 11, eight and six seats it won in 2003, 2008, 2013 and 2018, respectively. The UDP is banking on the confusion created by "too many entities" in the fray and its new-found image as a pan-Meghalaya party.

Region-specific party

The UDP was perceived to be a Khasi region-specific party, less influential in the other two dominated by the Garo and Jaintia communities. The "confidence" of having penetrated the other regions made it contest 46 seats as against 33 five years ago.

Sixteen of these 46 seats are in the Garo Hills region, seen as the State's political hub, where the NPP, Trinamool Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are seen as the major players. The Garo Hills have 24 seats.

"The feedback is that the people, even in the Garo Hills, are looking at us as an alternative. Our expectations are high but given the history of fractured verdicts, we hope to win a good number of seats and play a decisive role in the formation of the next government," Mr. Lyngdoh told *The Hindu*.

Lyngdoh re-election

He is seeking re-election from the Mairang Assembly seat, arguably the centre of the Khasi region and the home of the legendary Tirot Sing, a Khasi chieftain who died fighting the British in 1935. The BJP has appropriated Tirot Sing as an "unsung hero".

"The message has gone that the UDP is not just for the Khasis but for all communities and that, if given the mandate, we can address their grievances by removing red-tape," Mr. Lyngdoh said.

The UDP is also pinning hope on its pledges, including safeguarding the rights of indigenous communities and minorities in the State, and maintaining the territorial integrity of Meghalaya – an allusion to the partial boundary pact with Assam on March 29, 2022.

Nitish asks Cong. to take the lead in uniting Opposition

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Saturday said the BJP would go below 100 seats in the Lok Sabha election in 2024 if the Congress listened to him.

Mr. Kumar asked the Congress leadership to make the formal announcement of Opposition unity as soon as possible to take on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the election. He was speaking at the national convention of the CPI(ML) in which leaders of various political parties were present, including senior Congress leader and former Union Minister Salman Kurshid.

"As you (Salman Khurshid) are here, I would like to send a message to your leadership to make a decision as soon as possible. Call the meeting and take the decision where and with whom you want to contest the Lok Sabha poll. If you listen to my suggestion, BJP will go below 100 seats and if you will not listen, then you do whatever you want to," Mr. Kumar said addressing Mr. Khurshid.

Mr. Kumar said all Opposition parties would have to come together in the election to defeat the BJP. He stressed that the Bharat Jodo Yatra went well, but it was time to think ahead.

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav, Janata Dal(U) president Rajiv Ranjan Singh, CPI(ML) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya and Thol. Thirumavalavan of the Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi of Tamil Nadu were present.

Mr. Khurshid tactically handled the situation, and assured Mr. Kumar that the Congress was also willing to unite the Opposition, and it was just a matter of "Who will say I love you first?"

"As far as I know my party, Congress, wants the same thing that you want. However, there is always a problem in love and Tejashwi*ji* knows it very well. Who will say I love you first. Whenever everyone sits together, all the decisions would be made. I heard Nitish*ji* said that he is ready but an announcement should be made. I must say that I will pass on your message to our leadership," he said.

On the draw

Start election preparations: Uddhav tells supporters

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday exhorted his supporters to start preparing for the Mumbai civic elections. Addressing supporters at Matoshree, a day after the Election Commission recognised Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde's faction as the real Shiv Sena, he called Mr. Shinde a "thief" who stole the party symbol and name.

Did Minister call business leaders to invest in Adani FPO, asks Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday, as part of its ongoing *Hum Adanike Hain Kaun* series of questions, asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi if an influential Union Minister had called business leaders to invest in the now-scrapped follow-on public offer (FPO) by the Adani Group.

"Mahasivaratri today and along with it here is HAHK (*Hum Adanike Hain Kaun*). The 13th set of questions to the PM. *Aaj Toh Chuppi Todiye Pradhan Mantriji*! [Break your silence today, Prime Minister]" tweeted Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh along with a one-page statement.

Jairam Ramesh

"Is it true that a high-profile Union Minister with long-standing commercial links made personal calls to five or six of the most well-known businesspersons on behalf of Gautam Adani and asked them to invest their personal funds in the FPO to save Gautambhai from embarrassment? Does this not represent a conflict of interest worth investigating? Did this Union Minister act on instructions from you?" Mr. Ramesh asked Mr. Modi in his statement.

Further, the Congress leader also asked if the business leaders were told that the FPO would be subsequently cancelled and the money would be returned to investors as the move was only to save the reputation of Mr. Adani.

"Is it not a violation of Indian securities regulations to hide this relevant information from most investors and only to share it with a select few? Is it ethical to dupe FPO investors in this way?" asked Mr. Ramesh.

SC, EC orders will persuade Shiv Sena fence sitters to choose Shinde, feels BJP

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission's order recognising the claim of the Shiv Sena faction led by Maharashtra Chief Minister to the name and symbol of the parent party and the Supreme Court's decision not to refer the petitions related to the 2022 crisis in Maharashtra politics to a seven-judge Bench have raised hopes in the BJP that fence sitters in the Shiv Sena factional war will throw in their lot with the NDA.

According to senior sources in the BJP, both these decisions, which were declared on Friday, have given a boost to the prospects of the NDA in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) election and more than that, the organisational capture of the Shiv Sena from Uddhav Thackeray.

Ready for battle: The EC has recognised the faction led by Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde as the 'real' Shiv Sena.

Structure of the party

"There are sections of the Shiv Sena which undoubtedly have loyalty towards the Thackeray family, quite apart from any ideological or organisational matter. But the organisation itself, the way it is divided, is dependent on many other factors," said a source in the BJP.

According to the source, the Shiv Sena's organisational pyramid has a *Vibhag Pramukh* (or a district chief) at the top, a *Shakha Pramukh* in the middle and a *Ghatt Pramukh*, largely termed as a "*paanch gali ka neta*" (leader of five streets) at the most basic level. "The most operational level, in terms of elections and voter mobilisation, is the *Shakha Pramukh*, which receives money and other resources from the party for its programmes and outreach to sections of society, helping out people at a personal level et al. Here, there are fence sitters, and we hope that the EC and the SC's decisions will help sway them," he said.

The capacity of Mr. Shinde as Chief Minister of Maharashtra to extend State patronage is also considerable and may help swing matters.

The BJP has been conscious that the breaking away of the Eknath Shinde faction from the Shiv Sena and the fall of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government may have been successful in terms of a political operation, but in narrative terms, the Uddhav Thackeray faction held its own. "Narrative is, of course, important, but these two decisions have been important for us in organisational terms," said an aide of Mr. Shinde.

The NDA is anticipating that these decisions will affect the balance within the MVA, with the Uddhav Thackeray faction being weaker than before and the rising importance of the Prakash Ambedkar-led Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA).

While the VBA announced a tie-up with the Uddhav Thackeray-led faction of the Shiv Sena, the party announced its support to Independent candidate Rahul Kalate in the upcoming Chinchwad bye-election, an expression of the party's independent decision-making despite alliance pressures.

Mr. Kalate was expecting to get ticket from the MVA, but was denied and a Nationalist Congress Party candidate announced, prompting the VBA to support Mr. Kalate as an Independent rebel candidate. The move is being seen as a shot in the arm for the BJP, contesting the seat.

"These are the kind of things that will enhance the importance of VBA in tight multi-cornered fights going into the future," said a source in the BJP.

Maharashtra is a crucial State for the BJP and with 48 Lok Sabha seats, a good performance there is imperative if there is to be a repeat of an NDA government in Delhi.

CBI summons AAP's Manish Sisodia in Delhi excise case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The old excise policy allowed private and government vendors to operate in the national capital

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has summoned senior AAP leader and Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia for questioning on Sunday in connection with the Delhi excise policy case, an agency source said.

The development took a political turn, with AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal stating that the case was only a political conspiracy, while the BJP is questioning why the policy was withdrawn if there was no scam.

"There was no liquor scam. The same policy was implemented in Punjab and the revenue increased by 48%. In Delhi, due to political vendetta, the case was made as a political conspiracy. Manish *ji* will go tomorrow and we will cooperate completely," Mr. Kejriwal said.

BJP MLA and Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri alleged that the contractors whose commission had increased from 2% to 12% under the policy have told the CBI that they were forced to give 6% commission back as donation to the AAP.

Before the Delhi excise policy kicked in on November 17, 2021, both private and government liquor vends were selling alcohol in the city. However, under the new policy, the government completely pulled out of the business of selling liquor and it was left to private entities.

Based on the CBI case, the ED is conducting a money laundering probe and has so far arrested nine accused persons. It recently filed a second chargesheet against 17 suspects. The agencies have alleged that the then communication in-charge of the AAP, Vijay Nair, on behalf of the party leaders received ₹100 crore as kickback in advance from a group whose prominent persons were YSR Congress Party MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, his son Raghav Magunta, P. Sarath Chandra Reddy, and Bharat Rashtra Samithi MLC K. Kavitha.

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INBRIEF

Jaishankar calls George Soros 'opinionated and dangerous'

Billionaire investor George Soros is old, rich, opinionated, and dangerous and invests resources in shaping narratives, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Saturday. Responding to a question at the Raisina@Sydney Dialogue, Mr. Jaishankar said Mr. Soros is an "old, rich, opinionated person sitting in New York, who still thinks that his views should determine how the entire world works." Mr. Jaishankar said globalisation allows seamless opportunities but also allows narratives to be shaped, money to come in, and organisations to get about their agenda. "All this is done under the pretence of advocacy of an open society of transparency." PTI

Why some accused in Patra Chawl case not held, asks HC

The Bombay High Court on Saturday questioned the Enforcement Directorate (ED) why it has never arrested other accused in the 2018 Patra Chawl redevelopment case in which Uddhav Thackeray camp's leader Sanjay Raut is also an accused. A single-judge Bench of Justice N.R. Borkar was hearing a petition filed by the Central agency seeking the cancellation of bail granted to Mr. Raut by a sessions court on November 9, 2022. The Shiv Sena (Uddhav) leader was arrested on August 1, 2022, by the ED on the allegations of money laundering and irregularities pertaining to the redevelopment of the Patra Chawl at Goregaon in Mumbai.

M.P. BJP leader says he wants Old Pension Scheme restored

Not toeing the Bharatiya Janata Party's official line on the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), former Madhya Pradesh Minister and senior BJP leader Gaurishankar Bisen has demanded its implementation even if it meant his expulsion from the party. Mr. Bisen, 70, who is an MLA from Balaghat and the chairman of the Other Backward Class Commission of the State, made the statement in support of the OPS on Friday. "Take my voice to Delhi, give old pension to lakhs of my comrades... It doesn't matter if the party will expel me or take away the post [of OBC Commission Chairman] from me but if you starve, it does matter," he could be heard saying in a video.

SP demands front row seat in U.P. Assembly for Shivpal

The Samajwadi Party (SP) Chief Whip in Uttar Pradesh Assembly, Manoj Kumar Pandey, on Saturday wrote to Speaker Satish Mahana demanding a front row seat for the party's national general secretary, Shivpal Singh Yadav, in the upcoming Assembly session starting on February 20. The development reaffirmed that the rift between SP president Akhilesh Yadav and his uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav has ended after the Mainpuri byelection victory, with the party announcing the appointment of the Jaswantnagar MLA as its national general secretary.

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12 cheetahs from South Africa enter quarantine in Kuno National Park

IAF aircraft carrying seven males and five females landed at Gwalior airport, and the animals were taken to their new home by helicopter; they will be kept in quarantine for at least a month before being moved into acclimatisation enclosures

Press Trust of India
SHEOPUR

Twelve cheetahs arrived in Madhya Pradesh from South Africa on Saturday and were released into the quarantine enclosures at the Kuno National Park in Sheopur district, five months after the first batch of eight were brought from Namibia, another African nation.

The inter-continental translocation of cheetahs is part of the Union government's programme to reintroduce these animals seven decades after they became extinct in the country. India's last cheetah died in Koriya district of present-day Chhattisgarh in 1947, and the species was declared extinct in 1952.

With the addition of 12 new arrivals, the cheetah count at the park has gone up to 20. Prime Minister Narendra Modi released eight felines from Namibia on September 17, 2022.

In new country: A cheetah from South Africa in the quarantine enclosure at the Kuno National Park on Saturday. PTI

Kept in wooden boxes

An Indian Air Force (IAF) transport aircraft carrying seven male and five female cheetahs from South Africa landed at the Gwalior airport around 10 a.m. These spotted animals had embarked on a journey to their new home from the O.R. Tambo International Airport at Gauteng in South Africa shortly before midnight. Each cheetah was kept in a separate wooden box during the flight.

After their arrival in Gwalior, the cheetahs were flown on IAF helicopters to Kuno, a road distance of around 165 km.

Wearing forest-green sleeveless jackets and hats, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Environment and Forests Minister Bhupender Yadav released the cheetahs into the quarantine *bomas* after the animals arrived at the park around noon.

While eight cheetahs were put up in separate quarantine enclosures, four were kept in two *bomas* in pairs.

With their arrival, there are now 10 male cheetahs and as many females at the park.

The South African big cats will be kept in the quarantine enclosures for at least a month before they are moved into the acclimatisation *bomas*. A decision on it will be taken by the task force on cheetahs, officials said.

Bihar man held in Odisha in inter-State job scam case

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) in Odisha has a arrested a man from Bihar for alleged involvement in a multi-crore job fraud case operating in at least 17 States.

The accused, Dharampal Singh, had developed a website resembling a government website to cheat job aspirants, said Jai Narayan Pankaj, Inspector-General of Police and head of the EOW. The wing has recovered around ₹6.6 crore from him.

"He is one of the main masterminds of this job racket operating in at least 17 States. The accused used to invite applications for various jobs such as district and block coordinator, computer operator and block surveyor prescribing the educational qualification and the remuneration for the posts," said Mr. Pankaj. The advertisements were published on www.grks.org.

Tapping the potential of niche villages in a push for rural tourism

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Mattur is a village in Karnataka where residents speak only in Sanskrit. Maachli in Maharashtra is an agrarian homestay surrounded by coconut, betel, and banana plantations. The Bishnoi village in Rajasthan has frequent visits from the endangered great Indian bustard. These are destinations where tourists can immerse themselves in the rural tourism experience that the government is now developing.

The Central nodal agency, Rural Tourism and Rural Homestays (CNA - RT and RH), the coordinating body among the Centre, the States and other stakeholders, has identified six niche experiences for tourists wanting to visit rural India, including agritourism, art and culture, ecotourism, wildlife, tribal tourism, and homestays.

More than 134 villages have been listed, each of which provides a set of unique experiences to tourists. The list will only grow.

For instance, Tamil Nadu's Kolukkumalai is the highest tea plantation in the world; Kerala's Devalokam is a yoga centre on the banks of a river; Nagaland's Konyak Tea retreat takes visitors on a trip through tribal culture; Telangana's Pochampalli village showcases its traditional weaving techniques; and Himachal Pradesh's Pragpur village plunges visitors into Kangra heritage architecture.

An agrarian cottage at Maachli of Maharashtra. FILE PHOTO

Depending on the experience, tourists can sample the local cuisine, see how crops are grown, participate in textile weaving, witness folk art being practised, and go on nature trails, all the while living within the community.

Sustainable tourism

The focus of this rural push is sustainability, avoiding large-scale infrastructure development, and without much private sector participation. Instead, efforts will be to rope in local resources and communities to provide a unique organic experience, a senior official in the Ministry of Tourism said.

The Ministry is in the process of formulating a budget, with certain training modules at district levels being 100% Centrally financed, and other aspects being 60% Centre- and 40% State-financed.

While there is a lack of consolidated data on global rural tourism trends, the U.S.-based market research firm Grand View Research estimates that agritourism alone will develop at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 11.4% from 2022 to 2030.

Village clusters

A key part of the strategy to promote rural destinations would be to identify clusters of five to seven villages in close proximity, said Kamakshi Maheshwari, nodal officer, CNA - RT and RH. A cluster will offer more tourist attractions and can also aid in marketing of local products.

The Central Nodal Agency has asked the States to identify both individual and clusters of villages having high potential for tourism development. The government is also looking at Rurban clusters of the Rural Development Ministry, where a cluster of villages that have potential for growth are identified. The Ministry of Rural Development has also been asked to explore the possibility of creating assets under the MGNREGS for tourist infrastructure.

The government is also exploring organic agriculture areas developed under the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region (MOVCD-NER) for development as rural tourist spots.

"Not only can rural tourism revitalise local art and crafts and prevent viable traditional occupations from being displaced, it will also help redevelop rural areas and rejuvenate rural life, create jobs and new business opportunities," the National Strategy document of Rural Tourism said.

In dry Bihar, more women now get into illegal liquor delivery

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

15,831 women have been held in Bihar from April 2016 to December 2022 for violating the law

Divya Kumari (name changed to protect identity) steps out of her hostel in Patna with two bottles of a single malt whisky strapped to her body. She waits for a call that tells her there are no police personnel on the road from her hostel to Kankarbagh, where she is making the alcohol delivery.

Once there, she calls the man she had had a conversation with. He calls the client, who opens the door and receives the liquor. There is a quick QR code scanning process and transfer of money. Ms. Kumari has made her delivery for the day. She will get ₹5,000 for this, ₹2,500 for each bottle. Her work is done only in the daytime, when the police guard is down.

Across 'dry' Bihar's 38 districts, 15,831 women, from April 2016 – when prohibition was introduced – to December 2022, have been arrested on charges of violating the law. This is according to official data released by the State's Prohibition and Excise Department exclusively to *The Hindu*. The total arrests made during the same period are 5,17,419, including bootleggers and consumers.

"The major concern is that the numbers [of women bootleggers] are increasing every passing year. Initially, the number was less than 100 a year, but now it has touched more than 1,000," a senior official of the Excise Department said.

Ironically, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had banned the trading, supplying, storing, and consumption of liquor in the State following appeals from women.

On the 'job'

Women bootleggers have distinct advantages in the job, as they get paid up to 50% of the cost of the bottle while men usually get about 25%. Women are less likely to get caught too, and so are in greater demand. "Female bootleggers are more trustworthy. Many times, male bootleggers run away with the consignment," says a person running an illegal liquor operation in Patna.

Rhododendrons carpet Darjeeling and Sikkim Himalayas

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The Darjeeling and Sikkim Himalayas are home to more than one-third of all types of rhododendrons found in India, reveals the latest publication of the Botanical Survey of India (BSI). The publication, titled *Rhododendrons of Sikkim and Darjeeling Himalaya – An Illustrated Account*, lists 45 taxa of rhododendrons (36 species, one subspecies, two variety and seven natural hybrids).

There are 132 taxa (80 species, 25 subspecies and 27 varieties) of rhododendrons found in India.

Of the 45 taxa recorded in the publication, 24 are found in the Darjeeling Himalayas and 44 in the Sikkim Himalayas.

"Darjeeling and Sikkim Himalayas comprise only 0.3% of India's geographical area but the region is home to one-third (34%) of all rhododendron types. This highlights the ecological significance of the region as far as an indicator species like rhododendron is concerned," Rajib Gogoi, scientist and Regional Head of BSI in Sikkim and the lead author of the publication, told *The Hindu*.

The phenology of rhododendrons can be an important indicator of climate change. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Under threat

Of the 45 taxa documented by the BSI, five are facing a high threat due to anthropological pressures and climate change, according to scientists. *Rhododendron edgeworthii*, with white campanulate flowers, recorded a huge habitat decline in both Darjeeling and Sikkim. *Rhododendron niveum*, with big purple flowers, found in the Lachung area of north Sikkim is facing threats from rampant construction. *Rhododendron baileyi*, *Rhododendron lindleyi and Rhododendron maddenii* are also under threat.

Rhododendron, meaning rose tree in Greek, is considered an indicator species for climate change. The BSI in 2017 published *Rhododendron of North East India: A Pictorial Handbook*, suggesting that there are 132 taxa.

According to A.A. Mao, Director of BSI and fellow author of the publication, the flowering season for rhododendrons starts in March and continues till May. However, recently, flowering was found to begin as early as in January for some species. "This is an indication that those areas are getting warmer. The phenology of rhododendrons can be an important indicator of climate change," he added.

The history

Rhododendrons have a prominent place in the country's botanical history. They were first recorded by Captain Hardwick in Jammu and Kashmir in 1776 where he spotted *Rhododendron arboreum*. However, it was a visit by the British botanist Joseph D. Hooker to Sikkim between 1848 and 1850 that revealed the rhododendron wealth of the Sikkim and Darjeeling Himalayas.

Mr. Mao added that the first species Rhododendron from northeast India – *Rhododendron dalhousiae* – was reported from Sikkim by Hooker in 1848 in his book *The Rhododendrons of Sikkim Himalaya*.

The authors of the BSI publication include scientists and researchers Norbu Sherpa, Samuel Rai and Subrata Gupta. The authors are working on a book on rhododendron, with which they hope to reach not just researchers but the common man too, to promote ecotourism from a conservation perspective.

TAIPEI

China representative welcomed with protests on visit to Taiwan

REUTERS

A visit by a Chinese official at the invitation of the Taiwanese capital's newly elected China-friendly mayor has drawn protests on the self-ruled island. The head of Shanghai city's Taiwan Affairs Office, Li Xiaodong, arrived on Saturday morning for a three-day visit that marks a rare point of contact between the sides. AP

ARKABUTLA

Six dead in Mississippi shooting rampage, suspect detained

REUTERS

A lone gunman killed six persons including his ex-wife and stepfather on Friday at multiple locations in northern Mississippi, the sheriff said, leaving investigators searching for clues to what motivated the rampage. Armed with a shotgun and two handguns, 52-year-old Richard Dale Crum had opened fire at about 11 a.m. AP

ANTAKYA

Turkey quake toll passes 46,000; three persons pulled out alive

AFP

More than 46,000 people have been killed in the earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria and the toll is expected to soar, with some 3,45,000 apartments in Turkey now known to have been destroyed, and many still missing. Twelve days after the quake hit, three persons, including a child, were rescued alive. REUTERS

JERUSALEM

Israel slams 'severe' ejection of envoy from African Union summit

AFP

Israel condemned the "severe" expulsion of a diplomat from the African Union summit, accusing Iran of orchestrating the move with help from Algeria and South Africa. A video showed guards escorting the Israeli foreign ministry's deputy director general for Africa, out of the AU assembly taking place in Addis Ababa. AFP

Men pay rising dowries as 'bride prices' surge in China

The problem, exacerbated by a gender imbalance due to China's family planning norms and preference for sons, has now found a mention in a Communist Party policy document

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

A widening gender imbalance in rural China is driving men to pay record dowries known as "bride prices", a practice that has grown so widespread that the Chinese government last week pledged to intervene.

While the bride price, a dowry paid by the groom to the bride's family, has a long history in China, the government fears that the increasing number of single men in comparison to single women has exacerbated the trend. The imbalance is a legacy of decades of stringent family planning restrictions that have also led to China's population shrinking in 2022.

The phenomenon has received so much attention that it has now figured in the Communist Party's first policy document for 2023, released on February 13. As has been the case recently, the document focused on rural issues.

While the main thrust of the document is on revitalising rural areas, production, infrastructure, and technology, "Document No.1" also pledged to launch a campaign to curb "exorbitant 'bride prices' and extravagant wedding ceremonies as part of nationwide efforts to strengthen the construction of public cultural-ethical standards in the country's rural areas," reported the Communist Party-run *Global Times*.

Few takers: In 2021, marriage registrations in China fell to 7.64 million, the lowest figure on record since 1986. REUTERS

"The document encouraged local governments to formulate norms for changing outdated customs," the report said, noting that while "'bride price' is a traditional Chinese prerequisite for marriage....as a goodwill gesture between the couple and their two families...the 'bride price' has risen from a token amount to very high levels."

The practice of dowries paid by the groom is also widely prevalent in urban China. The Chinese Communist Party has now launched a campaign to curb the trend, with one provincial government in southern Jiangxi holding a group wedding with "zero bride price" last year to popularise the message.

Skyrocketing prices

The practice with is, however, deeply ingrained, and the widening gender imbalance is now driving up the "price". According to Chinese media reports, the price can now go up to 200,000 Yuan (around ₹24 lakh). A report claiming that a bride's family in Jiangxi had asked for 880,000 Yuan (around ₹1 crore) had triggered debate about the recent trend, although it was later denied by authorities.

"The skyrocketing 'bride price' is a result of 'over-materialism' and the extreme disparity that exists today between rich and poor," Mu Guangzong, a professor at the Institute of Population Research at Peking University, told the *Global Times*, adding that "the imbalance of the male to female ratio, especially in rural areas, partially due to the concept of son preference for many years, is another factor." A 2017 survey by Central China Normal University in 267 villages found that there were only 63 single women for 100 single men.

Meanwhile, a growing number of Chinese women and men are choosing to avoid marriage altogether. In 2021, marriage registrations in China fell to 7.64 million, the lowest figure on record since registration numbers began to be publicised starting in 1986.

Those that do marry are also choosing to do so later as well as to have smaller families, denting years-long government campaigns to encourage larger families and stem an ageing crisis in the country.

Last month, the National Bureau of Statistics said that China's population had fallen by 8.5 lakh in 2022, the first decline since the famine in 1961. India is set to become the world's most populous nation this year, overtaking China.

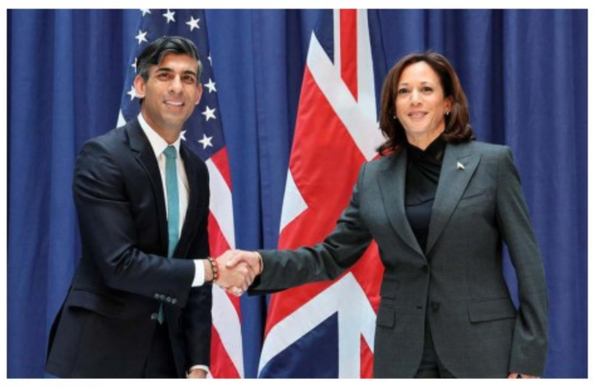
Russia committed crimes against humanity in Ukraine, says Harris

Associated Press
MUNICH

The U.S. has determined that Russia has committed crimes against humanity in Ukraine, Vice President Kamala Harris said on Saturday, insisting that "justice must be served" to the perpetrators.

Speaking at the Munich Security Conference, Ms. Harris said that the international community has both a moral and a strategic interest in pursuing those crimes, pointing to a danger of other authoritarian governments taking advantage if international rules are undermined.

"Russian forces have pursued a widespread and systemic attack against a civilian population – gruesome acts of murder, torture, rape, and deportation," Ms. Harris said. She also cited "execution-style killings, beatings, and electrocution."



Top brass: Kamala Harris, right, and Rishi Sunak at the Munich Security Conference in Germany on Saturday. REUTERS

Bucha and Mariupol

"Russian authorities have forcibly deported hundreds of thousands of people, from Ukraine to Russia, including children," Ms. Harris added. "They have cruelly separated children from their families."

She also pointed to the attack in mid-March on a theater in the strategic port city of Mariupol where civilians had been sheltering, which killed hundreds, and to the images of civilians' bodies left on the streets of Bucha after the Russian pullback from the Kyiv area last spring.

Ms. Harris said that, as a former prosecutor and former head of California's Department of Justice, she knows "the importance of gathering facts and holding them up against the law."

"In the case of Russia's actions in Ukraine, we have examined the evidence, we know the legal standards, and there is no doubt," she said. "These are crimes against humanity."

Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who also was attending the Munich conference, said in a statement issued as Ms. Harris spoke that "we reserve crimes against humanity determinations for the most egregious crimes."

TTP warn of more attacks against law enforcers

Agence France-Presse
KARACHI

Pakistan's Taliban warned on Saturday of more attacks against law enforcement officers, a day after seven persons were killed when a suicide squad stormed a police compound in Karachi.

The police are used on the frontline of Pakistan's battle with the Taliban and are frequently a target of militants who accuse them of extra-judicial killings.

Last month, more than 80 officers were killed when a suicide bomber detonated an explosive vest at a mosque inside a police compound in the northwestern city of Peshawar.

"The policemen should stay away from our war with the slave Army, otherwise the attacks on the safe havens of the top police officers will continue," the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) said.

"We want to warn the security agencies once again to stop martyring innocent prisoners in fake encounters."

N. Korea fires missile as U.S., South Korea prepare for drills

Associated Press
SEOUL

The the missile was fired at a high angle and travelled about 900 kilometre during the hour-long flight

North Korea on Saturday fired a long-range missile from its capital into the sea off Japan, according to its neighbours, a day after it threatened to take strong measures against South Korea and the U.S. over their joint military exercises.

According to the South Korean and Japanese militaries, the missile was fired at a high angle, apparently to avoid reaching the neighbours' territories, and travelled about 900 kilometres during an hour-long flight.

The details were similar to North Korea's Hwasong-17 intercontinental ballistic missile test flight in November, which experts said demonstrated potential to reach the U.S. mainland if fired on a normal trajectory.

No damage reported

Japanese government spokesperson Hirokazu Matsuno said no damage has been reported from the missile, which landed within Japan's exclusive economic zone, about 200 kilometers west of Oshima island. Oshima lies off the western coast of the northernmost main island of Hokkaido.

North Korea's Foreign Ministry on Friday threatened with "unprecedently" strong action against its rivals, after South Korea announced a series of planned military exercises with the U.S. aimed at sharpening their response to the North's growing threats.

The U.S. Indo-Pacific Command said the launch did not pose "an immediate threat to U.S. personnel, or territory, or to our allies," but said it will continue to monitor the situation. It called on North Korea to "refrain from any further unlawful and destabilizing acts."

China blasts U.S. over 'hysterical' balloon claim

Agence France-Presse
MUNICH

China's top diplomat Wang Yi on Saturday blasted the U.S. reaction to what Washington has called a Chinese spy balloon as "hysterical and absurd", in uncharacteristically strong remarks against the top Western power.

Addressing a gathering of world leaders at the Munich Security Conference, Mr. Wang said U.S. President Joe Biden's administration has a "misguided" perception of Beijing.

And Wang Yi accused the U.S. of trying to "smear" the Asian giant while it itself was implementing policies that ran counter to its paradigms such as free trade.

"There are many balloons from many countries in the sky. Do you want to down each and every one of them?" Mr. Wang asked.

Mr. Wang accused the U.S. instead of "100% protectionism, 100% self-servingness, 100% unilateral action" in its own economic policies like the Chips Act.

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WHO has not abandoned COVID-19 origin investigation

R. Prasad

On February 14, *Nature News* reported that the World Health Organization (WHO) has "shelved the second phase" of COVID-19 origin investigation "citing ongoing challenges over attempts to conduct crucial studies in China".

Two years after the WHO's visit to China to investigate the origin of COVID-19, the WHO has "abandoned" the second phase of the investigation, it said and quoted WHO's Technical Lead for COVID-19, Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove saying that "there is no phase two". *Nature News* went on to say that though "WHO planned for work to be done in phases, the plan has changed".

A day later, Dr. Kerkhove in a tweet refuted the news about the WHO abandoning COVID-19 origin investigation. She said: "This is not true. We have never, nor will we ever abandon this. We have said this loudly, clearly, repeatedly. We will continue to say this." In another tweet on February 15, Dr. Kerkhove said: "The *Nature* piece is incorrect. We've said many times publicly... since early 2021 that understanding the origins is critically important... We've asked *Nature* for a correction."

Apparently, there has been a confusion about the status of phase two of the COVID-19 origin investigation, and not that the WHO has abandoned plans for continuing its investigation into the origin of COVID-19. Phase two was initially supposed to be a "continuation of January 2021 mission to Wuhan, which was in a sense seen as phase one", but the WHO "updated" its plans and the phase two became SAGO (Scientific Advisory Group for the Origins of Novel Pathogens)".

In a press briefing on February 15, Dr. Kerkhove clarified that the WHO was "building on what was done in phase one" and the SAGO as a permanent Strategic Advisory Group was to study the origins of COVID-19 and "broadly to establish a framework to understand the frameworks of any future epidemic and pandemic and the pathogens which emerge".

In essence, the WHO had only dropped the idea of continuing COVID-19 origin investigation in the form of phases as further investigation will be taken up by the SAGO. That message was essentially what Dr. Kerkhove had tried conveying to *Nature News* when she said that there is "no phase two" and that the plan to work in phases had changed.

"We just need to make sure that it is very clear that we have not abandoned any plans. We have not stopped any work. We will not stop until we understand the origins of this," she reiterated in the press briefing.

Why environmental surveillance for avian influenza is vital

Birds infected with avian influenza virus shed large quantities of virus in their faeces as well as in their saliva and nasal secretions for about a week

Farah Ishtiaq

The world's largest northern gannet colony at the Bass Rock, an island off the coast of North Berwick, Scotland has been recently decimated by avian influenza (H5N1) or bird flu. H5N1 has caused unprecedented loss of tens of thousands of birds in the U.K. The annual congregations on breeding grounds quickly turned into a super-spreader event as highly pathogenic H5N1 ripped through bird colonies, leaving many lying dead on the beaches or remote islands.

The impact of this disease is very serious for bird conservationists. Recently, intra-mammal transmission of H5N1 in captivity in mink farms was recorded, posing a bigger concern in relation to zoonotic potential.

In India, the latest major avian flu outbreak in 2020-2021 swept through many States causing mass mortality of wild birds which brought the concerns on the lack of active surveillance to the forefront, and how wetland and waterfowl habitats at the interface of poultry need to be monitored.

While the avian flu outbreaks coincide with the peak migratory season leading to post-outbreak surveillance and culling, there are also reports of outbreaks in the off-season suggesting endemic transmission within the poultry sector. India is the fastest growing egg producer in the world, but unlike in Europe, poultry birds here are not vaccinated against flu. Furthermore, the farms with a diversity of animals or in the vicinity of nearby wetlands increases the potential for the viruses to undergo reassortment that can potentially generate more virulent strains – H5N1 or H7N9 – which could then infect humans.

Despite this potential, there is no active surveillance in the poultry sector. There may be no efficient human-to-human transmission mechanism yet, however, the risk cannot be ruled out as the virus continues to evolve.

We need an active and passive year-round surveillance network under One Health which connects monitoring of human and animals in a shared environment.

Active surveillance of poultry imperative

India is the fastest growing egg producer in the world, yet poultry birds are not vaccinated against flu

- Wild aquatic birds in the Orders *Anseriformes* and *Charadriiformes* are the primordial reservoir for the virus
- **Transmission of the virus within wild bird populations is dependent on faecal/oral transmission via contaminated water**
- Avian influenza viruses have been isolated from unconcentrated water in lakes in the U.S., Canada and China
- **Avian influenza viruses can remain viable for extended periods of time in surface water and carcasses**
- Lakes and wetlands can act as environmental reservoirs at variable temperatures for several months

Lacking: In India, there is no active surveillance for avian influenza virus in poultry birds

- **Surveillance network for influenza virus is needed across multiple sites to improve understanding on virus diversity, and seasonal and geographical distribution of virus in the environment**
- Environmental surveillance is a non-invasive tool and should be complemented with effective carcass collection and testing

The importance

Wastewater-based epidemiology or pathogen surveillance has become an integral component of environmental surveillance providing near real-time information on health and community exposure to pathogens. While environmental surveillance is not a new concept and has been used widely for monitoring several pathogens, it offers an excellent tool.

Birds infected with avian influenza virus shed large quantities of virus in their faeces, saliva and nasal secretions for about a week. Wild aquatic birds in the Orders *Anseriformes* and *Charadriiformes* are the primordial reservoir for the virus. The transmission of the virus within these wild bird populations is dependent on faecal/oral transmission via contaminated water.

Avian influenza viruses have been isolated from unconcentrated water in lakes in the U.S., Canada and China. Recurrent infections of animal hosts with the virus have posed a persistent threat. Having a large-scale influenza A virus surveillance network in place across multiple sites is crucial for improving our understanding on the diversity, seasonal and geographical distributions of the virus in environments associated with poultry and wild birds.

Avian influenza viruses can remain viable for extended periods of time in surface water and carcasses, suggesting that lakes and wetlands can act as environmental reservoirs at variable temperatures for several months. In a study in Hong Kong, an H3N2 virus was isolated from faeces and pond water every month during a one-year period, and the maintenance of this virus was proposed to be dependent on environmental persistence and the continued introduction of susceptible ducklings.

Domestic ducks are recognised as an important reservoir for H5N1. Environmental surveillance is an important area that can enhance the information on prevalence diversity of avian influenza viruses in free-ranging domestic flocks or under confinement conditions where faeces or other effluent are deposited into the environment.

Virus surveillance

Currently, virus surveillance is reactive and relies on sampling dead birds. Environmental surveillance would be a great non-invasive tool that can be done without disturbing the birds and can be used to obtain both host and viral genetic material.

Most importantly, environmental surveillance should be complemented with effective carcass collection and testing, and better biosecurity on poultry farms to improve preparedness and response in the future.

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Second aubrite meteorite found in India in 170 years

Vasudevan Mukunth

On August 17, 2022, a meteorite streaked over India, breaking apart as it descended through the air, to scatter over two villages in Banaskantha, Gujarat. One piece struck a neem tree in Rantila village and shattered into several pieces. Another landed on the porch of a house in Ravel village, 10 km away, and met a similar fate.

'A rare specimen'

The meteorite is a "rare, unique specimen" of aubrite, analysis by a group at the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad, has revealed.

Hundreds of meteorites have crashed in India, but this is only the second recorded crash of an aubrite. The last was in 1852 in Basti, Uttar Pradesh.

Worldwide, aubrites have crashed in at least 12 locations since 1836, including six in the U.S.

According to one 2003 definition, aubrites are "igneous rocks" that form in oxygen-poor conditions, and thus "contain a variety of exotic minerals that are not found on Earth". For example, the mineral heideite was first described in the Basti meteorite.

PRL director Anil Bhardwaj, who is also a coauthor of the paper, called it a "rare meteorite fall" in an email and that "we have to bring out the best of science from it".

The group's results were published in *Current Science* on January 25.

Meteors are pieces of some solid object in space that broke away, descended onto a planet or moon. Once they reach the surface, they are called meteorites.

Aubrites are a type of meteorite. Scientists are not yet sure of their origin, although some signs indicate they could be from the asteroid 3103 Eger or from the planet Mercury.

Given the unknown parent body and fragility, "Aubrite meteorites either fall rarely on earth or they might have fragmented in finer fractions before falling or [have got] lost during atmospheric ablation," Amit Basu Sarbadhikari, associate professor at PRL and the paper's corresponding author, wrote in an email.

Rare find: The pieces that fell in the two villages have been dubbed the Diyodar meteorite. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Diyodar meteorite

The pieces that fell in the two villages were dubbed the Diyodar meteorite after the taluka. The PRL team obtained two fragments weighing 200 g and 20 g. They used a gamma-ray spectrometer, a spectroradiometer, electron-imaging, and chemical analyses to determine their mineral composition.

Given its rarity, "we have to be very careful to analyse it," Sujoy Ghosh, an assistant professor of Geology and Geophysics at IIT Kharagpur, told *The Hindu*. He wasn't involved with the study.

They found that the fragments shared a crust that indicated they were part of a common larger rock, which they suggest was an aubrite. Around 90% of the meteorite was composed of orthopyroxene. Pyroxenes are silicates consisting of single chains of silica tetrahedra (SiO_4); orthopyroxenes are pyroxenes with a certain structure.

Pyroxenes such as diopside and jadeite have been used as gems. Spodumene was historically used as lithium ore. Rocks with pyroxene have also been used to make crushed stone used in construction.

Monomict breccia

The group also classified the meteorite as a monomict breccia since it consisted of several pyroxene-bearing pieces held together by a scaffold of rocky material.

The conditions in which aubrites form are prevalent on Mercury. However, as per their paper, the researchers don't have "any known Mercurian samples" in their collection.

"We plan to do a whole-rock elemental and isotopic analysis, the data of which will provide more information about many important aspects of this meteorite," Dr. Sarbadhikari said.

SNAPSHOTS

Physical competition effective for rising whale population

Post-whaling increases in eastern Australian humpback whale numbers may have led to males shifting their mating tactics from singing to physically competing with other males (*Communications Biology*), highlighting how humpback whales have adapted their social behaviours as their populations have recovered. Male eastern Australian humpback whales may be less likely to use singing as a mating tactic when the population size is larger in order to avoid attracting males to their potential mate.

Tsetse flies pheromones that can curb diseases they spread

A new insight into how tsetse flies mate could bolster the arsenal of tools to manage the spread of disease by these insects. Tsetse flies transmit trypanosomes. The insects produce volatile pheromones that control their mating behaviour (*Science*). The study discovered several volatile compounds that promoted rapid mating behaviour in the tsetse flies. Infection of female flies by trypanosomes alters both the pheromone profile and mating behaviour, and has the effect of reducing mating receptivity in females.

New form of medium-density amorphous ice discovered

Ball milling "ordinary" ice at low temperatures – a process that involves vigorously shaking a cryogenically-cooled container full of ice and steel balls – creates an amorphous form with a density close to liquid water (*Science*). The finding suggests that water is more complex at low temperatures than previously recognised. Frozen water can take many forms. There are 20 known crystalline phases of water ice and at least two families of amorphous form.

Question Corner

Human ancestors

Which human ancestor made first stone tools?

Along the shores of Africa's Lake Victoria in Kenya roughly 2.9 million years ago, early human ancestors used some of the oldest stone tools ever found to butcher hippos and pound plant material, according to new research (*Science*).

Though multiple lines of evidence suggest the artifacts are likely to be about 2.9 million years old, the artifacts can be dated to between 2.6 and 3 million years old. The study presents what are likely to be the oldest examples of a hugely important stone-age innovation known to scientists as the Oldowan toolkit, as well as the oldest evidence of hominins consuming very large animals.

Excavations at the site, named Nyayanga and located in western Kenya, produced a pair of massive molars belonging to the human species' close evolutionary relative, Paranthropus. The teeth are the oldest fossilised *Paranthropus* remains yet found, and their presence at a site loaded with stone tools raises intriguing questions about which human ancestor made those tools.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Is there a need for an extra dose of polio?

Why has West Bengal introduced an additional dose of the polio vaccine under the immunisation programme?

Ramya Kannan

The story so far:

The West Bengal government announced that it was introducing an additional dose of injectable polio vaccine as part of the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) for children. The State, considered among high risk areas for polio, announced that this dose will be given at nine months, in addition to the existing doses in the current UIP. Additionally, two Polio Immunisation days are observed in the country each year and in some States, there are sub-national immunisation days, involving children under five years of age. An additional dose of inactivated poliovirus (IPV) at nine months will protect against any polio thereafter – Vaccine Associated Paralytic Polio or Vaccine Derived Polioviruses, explains T. Jacob John, noted virologist and paediatrician.

What is polio?

Poliovirus can invade the central nervous system and as it multiplies, destroy the nerve cells that activate muscles, causing irreversible paralysis in hours. There are three types of polio virus serotypes: types 1, 2 and 3. According to the India Polio Learning Exchange (along with UNICEF), of those paralysed, 5-10% die when their breathing muscles become immobilised.

There is no cure for polio, but there are safe, effective vaccines which, given multiple times, protect a child for life. Polio held the world in a bind of fear until Jonas Salk developed the first polio vaccine. Later, Albert Sabin made a 'live' polio vaccine that could be administered orally which became the tool of the trade, especially for nations carrying out mass immunisation campaigns, including India.

> 'Recent events have shown how rapidly global progress can unwind if the pressure is not maintained to vaccinate children'

How did India achieve its polio-free status?

In 2012, the WHO removed India from the list of endemic countries. Seen as a massive achievement in public health, the campaign had begun years ago. While Rotary International launched its polio eradication campaign, Polio Plus, in 1985, it was in 1986 that it provided a $2.6 million grant to Tamil Nadu for a pilot polio vaccination campaign. In 1995, the Union government announced the first National Polio Immunisation Day. As per the India Polio Learning Exchange portal, the last case of poliovirus type 2 case was recorded in India in October 1999 at Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh; the last case of poliovirus type 3 case was on October 22, 2010, at Pakur, Jharkhand; and the last case of poliovirus type 1 case was recorded on January 13, 2011, at Howrah, West Bengal. As of October 2022, the WHO said only two countries worldwide remain with indigenous transmission of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) – Afghanistan and Pakistan. It also recorded that so far, 33 countries have outbreaks of variant polioviruses, such as in the U.K., the U.S., Israel and Malawi.

What was the recent global polio crisis?

Dr. Jacob John, who co-authored *Polio: The Eradication Imbroglio* with Dhanya Dharmapalan, says in a paper published in *Vaccines*, in 2022: "Genetic variants of vaccine poliovirus type 2, imported from an unknown source, were detected in waste waters in Jerusalem, London and New York in early 2022. The wild poliovirus type 2 was globally eradicated in 1999, but vaccine virus type 2 continued for 16 more years; routine use of the vaccine was discontinued in 2016 and reintroduced occasionally on purpose. As an unintended consequence, type 2 vaccine virus variants (circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses) that mimic wild viruses' contagiousness and neurovirulence, have been emerging and spreading." He also posits the theory of respiratory transmission of polio, 'as was the classical teaching of polio epidemiology'. "People assume that virus transmission is via the faecal-oral route. But what about in London and New York, where there are high standards of hygiene and sanitation? Definitely virus transmission cannot be attributed to faecal contamination."

What is the future?

Naveen Thacker, president-elect, International Paediatrics Association, says recent events have shown how dramatically and rapidly global progress can unwind if the pressure is not maintained to vaccinate children. "We have seen some setbacks, particularly in the area of immunisation post the pandemic. But it is very clear we need to keep at what we are doing, and enhance measures to ensure this battle is fought all the way through." In November, at the meeting of the India Expert Advisory Group for polio eradication which Dr. Thacker is a part of, participants discussed how India continues to maintain high population immunity, risk mitigation from polio viruses including containment and transitioning of polio networks. Their suggestions will guide revised policy changes to ensure that India remains polio free.

How is the stock market regulated in India?

What is the regulatory framework in place to protect investors from share market volatility? Does the Securities and Exchange Board of India have the powers to act in the interest of investors? What are the laws to help SEBI? When can it step in?

Joby Mathew

The story so far:

On February 10, the Supreme Court asked the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the government to produce the existing regulatory framework in place to protect investors from share market volatility. After short seller Hindenburg Research published a report in January accusing the Adani Group of stock market manipulation and accounting fraud, its shares plummeted and investors were reported to have lost lakhs of crores.

What are the laws governing the market?

The securities market in India is regulated by four key laws – The Companies Act, 2013, the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (SEBI Act), the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 (SCRA) and the Depositories Act, 1996. The framing of these laws reflect the evolution and development of the capital market in India.

The SEBI Act empowers SEBI to protect the interests of investors and to promote the development of the capital/securities market, besides regulating it. SEBI was given the power to register intermediaries like stock brokers, merchant bankers, portfolio managers and regulate their functioning by prescribing eligibility criteria, conditions to carry on activities and periodic inspections. It also has the power to impose penalties such as monetary penalties, including suspending or cancelling the registration. The SCRA empowers SEBI to recognise (and derecognise) stock exchanges, prescribe rules and bye laws for their functioning, and regulate trading, clearing and settlement on stock exchanges. As part of the development of the securities market, Parliament passed the Depositories Act and SEBI made regulations to enforce the provisions. This Act introduced and legitimised the concept of dematerialised securities being held in an electronic form. Today almost all the listed securities are held in dematerialised form. SEBI set up the infrastructure for doing this by registering depositories and depository participants. The depository regulations empower SEBI to regulate functioning of depositories and depository participants by prescribing eligibility conditions, periodic inspections and powers to impose penalties including suspending or cancelling the registration as well as monetary penalties.

> Using its powers, SEBI can direct stock exchanges to stop trading, totally or selectively

In control: The logo of the Securities and Exchange Board of India. REUTERS

Can SEBI step in to curb market volatility?

While SEBI does not interfere to prevent market volatility, exchanges have circuit filters – upper and lower – to prevent excessive volatility. But SEBI can issue directions to those who are associated with the market, and has powers to regulate trading and settlement on stock exchanges. Using these powers, SEBI can direct stock exchanges to stop trading, totally or selectively. It can also prohibit entities or persons from buying, selling or dealing in securities, from raising funds from the market and being associated with intermediaries or listed companies.

What are the guidelines on fund-raising?

The Companies Act, which regulates companies incorporated/registered in India, has delegated the authority to enforce some of its provisions to SEBI, including the regulation of raising capital, corporate governance norms such as periodic disclosures, board composition, oversight management and resolution of investor grievances. In order to regulate fund-raising activities, SEBI first brought out a set of guidelines called the Disclosure and Investor Protection Guidelines which were thereafter subsumed into a more comprehensive Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirement Regulations. In order to ensure that listed companies followed corporate governance norms, SEBI notified the Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements Regulations in 2015.

Besides these regulations, the Collective Investment Regulations define a CIS (collective investment scheme) and provide for penal actions against those running unregistered CIS schemes. Entities involved in fund-raising through issue of capital such as merchant bankers are also regulated through specific regulations.

What about stock exchanges?

The SCRA has empowered SEBI to recognise and regulate stock exchanges and later commodity exchanges in India; this was earlier done by the Union government. In fact, the term "securities" is defined in the SCRA and powers to declare an instrument as a security remain vested in SEBI. The rules and regulations made by SEBI under the SCRA relate to listing of securities like equity shares, the functioning of stock exchanges including control over their management and administration. These include powers to determine the manner in which a settlement is done on stock exchanges (and to keep them with the times for e.g. T+1) and recognising and regulating clearing corporations, which are central to the management of the trading system.

An important aspect of the regulation of stock exchanges is also the provision for arbitrating disputes that arise between stock brokers who trade on stock exchanges and investors who are clients of such stock brokers. The Act also seeks to protect the interests of investors by creating an Investor Protection Fund for each stock exchange.

What are the safeguards against fraud?

Fraud undermines regulation and prevents a market from being fair and transparent. SEBI notified the Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices Regulations in 1995 and the Prohibition of Insider Trading Regulations in 1992 to prevent the two key forms of fraud, market manipulation and insider trading. These regulations, read with provisions of the SEBI Act, define species of fraud, who is an insider and prohibit such fraudulent activity and provide for penalties including disgorgement of ill-gotten gains. It must be noted that violation of these regulations are predicate offences that can lead to a deemed violation of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. SEBI has been given powers of a civil court to summon persons, seize documents and records, attach bank accounts and property and to carry out investigations. Using these powers, SEBI has acted against entities and individuals like Satyam, Sahara India, Ketan Parekh and Vijay Mallya.

Corporate activities include acquisition of other companies, merger of companies and buy back of shares; SEBI has notified the Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers Regulations to ensure that acquisitions and change of management are done only after giving an opportunity to public shareholders to exit the company if they want to. The wealth of investors includes a portfolio of securities. SEBI ensures protection of investors' interests by regulating the listing and trading of equity shares and other securities, and by registering and regulating institutions handling public funds. Appeals against orders of SEBI and the stock exchanges can be made to the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) comprising three members. Appeals from the SAT can be made to the Supreme Court.

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Why has Air India ordered aircraft in bulk?

Who are the two main suppliers? Does demand match supply? Where is the Indian aviation industry and ecosystem placed? What is the growth forecast of air travel passengers in India?

Murali N. Krishnaswamy

The story so far:

On February 14, Air India, now a Tata Sons-owned airline, announced having signed letters of intent with aerospace majors, Airbus and Boeing, to order a mix of new single-aisle and widebody aircraft. The airline is to acquire 210 A320 and A321 NEOs (140 A320s and 70 A321s) and 40 Airbus A350s (34 A350-1000s and 6 A350-900s) from Airbus (250 aircraft) and 190 Boeing 737 MAX (737-8 and 737-10s), 20 Boeing 787-9s and 10 Boeing 777-9 jets from Boeing (220 planes) – 470 aircraft in all – at an estimated $112 billion, going by list prices, according to one aviation expert. Some business reports cite it as approximately $80b-$85 billion. The deal – with aircraft delivery from late 2023 to almost 2032 – is expected to transform India's aviation landscape.

What are the other details about the order?

Based on a social media post by a Tata/Air India official (which was later removed), the airline can order an additional 370 more aircraft, making it 840 aircraft in total. Boeing has confirmed to *The Hindu* that its agreement includes options for 50 more 737 MAXs and 20 787-9s (which would mean an option for 300 planes from Airbus). When finalised, this will be Boeing's largest order in South Asia. The Air India deal, overall, would be among the largest in commercial aviation history. A *Wall Street Journal* report valued an Emirates deal for 150 777Xs at the 2013 Dubai air show (since modified), at $76 billion.

> A report by Boeing pegs India's long-term passenger growth rate at nearly 7% annually through 2041

To the skies: An Airbus A350 aircraft model. NAGARA GOPAL

What about the engine deals?

Air India has ordered 68 Trent XWB-97 engines, with 20 more options (A350-1000), and 12 Trent XWB-84 engines (A350-900), making it the world's largest operator of the Trent XWB-97. The Trents can function on a 50% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) blend.

The airline has also ordered 40 GEnx-1B and 20 GE9Xs (for the 787s and 777Xs) and has a CFM order for over 800 LEAP engines (the largest such in the world) for the A320 and 737 fleet (400 jets). Once again, the GE and CFM engines can use all approved SAF blends.

Is the order an 'overkill'?

An All India Association of Industries report labels India as the third largest domestic aviation market in the world, which is expected to grow into the third largest air passenger (international and domestic) market by 2024, based on International Air Transport Association (IATA) forecasts. An IATA paper, based on 2017 data, 'The importance of air transport to India', estimated the air transport market in India to "grow by 262% over the next 20 years, resulting in an additional 370.3 million passenger journeys by 2037".

On the day of the Air India deal, on February 14, Boeing released its '2022 Commercial Market Outlook (CMO) for India', where it spelt out a long-term passenger growth rate of nearly 7% annually through 2041. It said India's domestic passenger traffic had recovered to 98% of pre-COVID-19 levels, even as international networks are expanding. Thus, India's air growth had moved from recovery to growth. Further, growth for the domestic market was expected to double by the end of the decade in focus. As a result, Indian airlines will add 7% more supply in the first half of 2023, compared to 2019. Based on robust domestic traffic, 90% of new aircraft deliveries would be for single-aisle aircraft over the next 20 years. Of the estimated 2,210 new planes that India would need (excluding freight planes) over the next two decades, 1,983 would be single-aisle jets, with 227 units, or 10% of new jets, for widebody jets.

In a look at the domestic market, it pointed out that a modal shift from train to air travel could boost aircraft demand. While "daily train traffic is 2,30,00,000 passengers, daily aviation traffic is 3,60,000 passengers". It said a little over a 1% shift would double the aviation market. Another point it made was that Indian carriers (as 6.8% in South Asia) are driving air traffic global growth rates (in terms of regions) through 2041 compared to 5.3% in South East Asia, 5.2% in Africa, 4.9% in China and 4.4% in Latin America. Citing Dave Schulte, Boeing's Commercial Marketing Managing Director for Asia Pacific, the report says, Indian carriers will "outpace global growth at nearly 7%, and more than 80% of new airplane deliveries" in this market "will be for growth", while "20% of new planes will be for replacement of aging jets".

What about other forecasts?

A statement by Christian Scherer, Airbus Chief Commercial Officer and Head of International, has highlighted India's economy as "expanding the fastest among the G-20 nations" over the next decade and a "burgeoning middle class spending more on air travel", leading to "fast growing traffic including on the long-range markets in the United States, Europe and Asia-Pacific...."

Another report by the Centre for Aviation (CAPA), 'India: The next growth engine of global aviation', published on February 8, 2023, has said there is much promise with India's traffic recovery among the strongest in the world, the Indian airline market [almost] 100% privately-operated and with development of airport infrastructure continuing. According to CAPA's assessment, Indian carriers would be expected to place orders soon for around 1,500-1,700 aircraft over the next two years or so (24-plus) months. It added that with the Air India order of 70 widebodies, this would "mark the beginning of a much-needed focus on long haul operations".

It also sounded a note of caution, that is, while ordering planes was easy, the challenge lay in addressing critical issues such as crew shortage, preparing the aviation ecosystem to absorb these orders and, more specifically, having a well-prepared institutional framework.

India's 'eyes and ears' on the China border

Indo-Tibetan Border Police

With the Line of Actual Control remaining tense, India is raising seven new battalions of the famed patrol force, which was formed in 1962 after the war with China, for 'effective monitoring' of the border region

Vijaita Singh

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On June 16, 2020, a day after 20 Indian soldiers were killed in clashes with China's People's Liberation Army in eastern Ladakh's Galwan Valley, several Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel were deployed in the mountainous terrain to trace the injured, missing or dead jawans.

The rescue team trekked 3-4 km on foot to evacuate the injured at an altitude of 14,000 feet and helped them reach the base camp even as 10 other soldiers were captured by the Chinese. The captured jawans were released on June 18.

Days before this, in May-June 2020, ITBP personnel stopped Chinese troops in their tracks at multiple locations along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh. Later, as many as 291 jawans were accorded Director General Commendation Rolls and Discs "for their gallant actions during the face-offs and border skirmishes" as their "befitting response" helped safeguard many "hyper sensitive" locations from the Chinese troops.

As China stepped up activities on the border since April-May 2020, the mountain-trained force increased their presence on the cold desert plateau.

The ITBP was raised on October 24, 1962 after the Indo-China war. The Central Armed Police Force (CAPF), specialised in border guarding duties and posted at an altitude of up to 18,900 feet, was initially raised with only four battalions. Each battalion in the ITBP, one of the seven CAPFs, typically comprises over 1,300 personnel. They are deployed at 176 border outposts from the Karakoram Pass in the north-west to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh in the north-east.

Most forward posts remain cut off from land routes, and temperature at these locations sometimes dips to minus-45 degrees Celsius. The border posts are exposed to high-velocity storms, snow blizzards, avalanches, and landslips.

On February 15, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approved raising seven new battalions, comprising 9,400 personnel, for deployment in Arunachal Pradesh, where 47 new border outposts and 12 staging camps are under construction. The outposts were sanctioned in January 2020. A sector headquarter for the ITBP was also announced.

The battalions are expected to be raised by 2025-26, increasing the strength of the ITBP from the current 88,000 to 97,000, making it the fourth largest CAPF. Last time ITBP battalions were raised was in 2011. The Arunachal border is another sector where skirmishes with the Chinese PLA have become frequent. On December 9, 2022, in the first incident of its kind after the Galwan clashes, several Indian and Chinese soldiers were injured in clashes at Yangste in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh.

Specialist battalions

The ITBP was restructured in 1978 to include nine service battalions, four specialist battalions and two training centres. In 1992, Parliament enacted the Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force Act (ITBPF Act) and two years later, new rules were framed.

After the 1999 Kargil war, a Group of Ministers had recommended the government stick to "One Border, One Force". In 2004, the entire China border was assigned to the ITBP. The ITBP, though being the primary force deployed along the China border, works in coordination with the Army in certain locations. The Army has been seeking operational control of the ITBP, which is under the administrative and operational control of the Ministry of Home Affairs, for the past many years, but the government has not agreed to the proposal.

Since the LAC is neither demarcated nor fenced, the ITBP acts as the government's "eyes and ears" to report Chinese activities and violations along and across the border. The ITBP conducts short- and long-range patrols, special missions, and joint patrols to dominate unmanned gaps along the China border. The force has also built 25 strategic roads and another 32 roads are under construction. They also participated in the India-Pakistan wars of 1965 and 1971 and counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir from 1990 to 2004. In 2009, the Congress-led UPA government decided to deploy the force in Chhattisgarh to counter left-wing extremism.

The ITBP provides security to various sensitive installations and proximate security cover to important dignitaries. It offers security, communication and medical cover to the pilgrims during the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra in coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs at Lipulekh Pass (Uttarakhand) and Nathu La Pass (Sikkim border).

The ITBP is also the first responder for natural disasters in the Himalayas. In 2021, after a flash flood washed away two hydel power projects – the Rishiganga small hydro project and NTPC's Tapovan project on the banks of the Dhauliganga river in north Uttarakhand, the ITBP rescued 12 workers after a seven-hour operation at the Tapovan site. As the ITBP is a mountain force, the team had all the equipment to carry out the rescue work in such regions.

The ITBP manages eight Regional Response Centres and carries out numerous rescue and relief operations in their area of responsibility as well as other parts of the country. In the past four years, 113 rescue operations were conducted in the Himalayas, where 4,148 people were rescued and 186 bodies were retrieved by the ITBP. It was the lead rescue force during the 2013 Uttarakhand floods, where over 6,000 people were killed.

The ITBP has around 2,100 women personnel and a sizeable number are deployed at the Border Out Posts (BOPs) in the Himalayas.

Foreign deployment

The force has been deployed in foreign countries as well.

It provided security at the Indian High Commission in Colombo from 1988 to 2005. ITBP commandos were first deployed in Afghanistan in 2002 to secure the premises of the Indian Embassy in Kabul and four consulates in Jalalabad, Herat, Mazar-I-Sharif and Kandahar. They were withdrawn from Afghanistan in August 2021 after the Indian Embassy shut following the takeover of the country by the Taliban.

In 2016, three ITBP personnel were awarded with the top honour of the President's Police Medal for Gallantry and seven others with the Police Medals for Gallantary for thwarting terrorist attacks at Indian Consulates at Mazar-e-Sharif and Jalalabad. In 2004, ITBP personnel were deployed in Gurguri, Minar and Zaranj in Afghanistan to provide security cover to the Indian road construction agency Border Roads Organisation (BRO), which was undertaking the Delaram-Zaranj road project. With the LAC remaining tense after the Galwan and Yangste incidents and India and China ramping up infrastructure in the border areas, the ITBP has come under greater focus. The decision to raise additional battalions, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur said earlier this month, was taken keeping an eye on the need for effective monitoring in the border areas. For its part, the ITBP has always been ready.

THE GIST

- The ITBP, raised on October 24, 1962, has been deployed at 176 border outposts from the Karakoram Pass in the north-west to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh in the north-east
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Treading a tricky path

Nikki Haley

The Indian origin GOP leader will have to strike a balance between the Trumpian base of the party and its mainstream wing as she is running for the White House

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Nikki Haley, daughter of Sikh immigrants from Punjab, and former Republican Governor of South Carolina and U.S. Ambassador to the UN, has announced that she will be joining the race for the U.S. Presidency culminating in the 2024 election. Ms. Haley, who was born in 1972 in Bamberg, South Carolina, as Nimrata Nikki Randhawa, has thus become former President Donald Trump's first declared challenger in the Republican primary race. Launching her campaign through a video published online, Ms. Haley said she was "the proud daughter of Indian immigrants". "As a brown girl, growing up in a black-and-white world, I saw the promise of America unfold before me."

Indeed, growing up in mostly conservative U.S. south could not have been easy for the daughter of Indian migrants, who worked as teachers and ran a clothing business after moving to the U.S. in the 1960s. Ms. Haley, who was brought up Sikh and converted to Christianity after marrying Michael Haley, an officer with the South Carolina Army National Guard, in 1996, graduated from Clemson University in 1994 with a degree in accounting. While she helped expand her parents' clothing business and became active in local chambers of commerce for a time, Ms. Haley then ran for office and got elected to the state legislature of South Carolina in 2004.

While Ms. Haley has periodically recognised and publicly embraced her race, she has equally been tough on immigration questions during her time as Governor. When she entered that public office in 2010, as the first woman Governor of South Carolina and only the second person of Indian descent in that role, she wasted little time in signing a Bill that cracked down on illegal immigration.

Nevertheless, Ms. Haley has equally shown sensitivity – or at least political shrewdness – toward race issues in a different context, when, after the murder of African American church attendees at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015, she signed a Bill to remove from the South Carolina House the Confederate battle flag. However, her critics have pointed out that she had attempted to play both sides on the issue, not only reacting five days late post the shooting and after intense political backlash, but also arguing that many equated the Confederate flag with "service, sacrifice and heritage."

Nuances of race

As much it might have been a challenge for Ms. Haley to navigate the nuances of race, she has also on occasion been called to explain her position on gender rights, no more so than for close association with Mr. Trump, her former boss, and the disparaging remarks that he made toward women periodically. Notably, she was a strong critic of Mr. Trump during the primaries for the 2016 election.

However, when Mr. Trump won the Republican nomination and ultimately the presidential election, and then asked Ms. Haley to serve as his administration's Ambassador to the UN, she appeared to drop her criticism and take on the role, notwithstanding her lack of foreign policy experience. In that capacity, Ms. Haley became known as a firm ally of Israel and as antagonistic toward the diplomatic efforts of Iran and North Korea.

Yet, it is quite likely that the January 6, 2021 insurrection against the U.S. Capitol by alleged supporters of Mr. Trump led to a change of heart for Ms. Haley once again. Responding to a media question on whether she still considered Mr. Trump a friend, she replied, "Friend is a loose term," adding later, "He went down a path he shouldn't have, and we shouldn't have followed him... And we can't let that ever happen again."

Looking ahead, Ms. Haley's potential path to the White House will be tricky to navigate – to succeed in her campaign she will have to do her utmost to appear to be a moderate, and thus hold some appeal for 'mainstream' Republicans and independents; yet neither can she afford to entirely eschew her more conservative roots in the deep south. A second challenge will be for her to distinguish her political positions from those of Mr. Trump, while yet not alienating the vast number of voters who still very much appear to be galvanised by certain elements of his political outlook across issues.

Shock departure

Nicola Sturgeon

The First Minister of Scotland, who has been the face of the independence campaign for a decade, is quitting after a slew of setbacks from scandals to controversial legislation

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Nicola Sturgeon, the First Minister of the semi-autonomous government of Scotland and leader of the pro-independence Scottish National Party (SNP), has announced her resignation from both the posts. Her decision brings the curtains down on an eight-year long tenure that began in 2014, when she succeeded her mentor Alex Salmond as First Minister.

Ms. Sturgeon, the daughter of an electrician and a dental nurse, grew up in a working class neighbourhood in the coastal town of Irvine that had long been a stronghold of the Scottish Labour Party (SLP). But things began to change after Margaret Thatcher's neo-liberal 'reforms' in the early 1980s. As Scotland's Labour MPs watched helplessly, Thatcher's supply-side economics upended the lives of the country's industrial workforce.

Seeing the havoc wreaked by Thatcherite policies – introduced from outside Scotland and over which her country's leaders had no say – in her own community, Ms. Sturgeon, now 52, joined the SNP at the age of 16. At the time, the SLP was dominant and the SNP lacked direction. In 1990, Mr. Salmond, an economist, successfully ran for the SNP leadership. He pushed the party to the left of Labour on the economy, and to the right of it on nationalism, aggressively seeking to decouple Scotland politically from the U.K.

Mr. Salmond met Ms. Sturgeon when she was a member of the party's youth wing and the two hit it off. When the U.K. granted Scotland its own Parliament, Ms. Sturgeon, in 1999, became part of the first batch of Scottish Parliamentarians. When the SNP formed a minority government in 2007 and Mr. Salmond became First Minister, he made her Deputy First Minister, a post she would hold till 2014.

Independence vote

In September 2014, a referendum was held on Scotland's independence from the U.K. While 45% voted 'yes', 55% voted against. Mr. Salmond, who had led the SNP's campaign for a 'yes' vote, resigned. Ms. Sturgeon stepped up to take his place. In November 2014, she became both the leader of the SNP and First Minister. Subsequently, she led the SNP to consecutive victories both in the U.K. general elections and in the polls to the Scottish legislature in 2016 and 2021, building a reputation as Britain's most formidable politician.

Ms. Sturgeon's leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic was widely commended, drawing comparisons with another female head of government across the globe, New Zealand's then Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. But her core political programme has always been Scottish independence.

When the U.K. voted for Brexit, Ms. Sturgeon began to press for a second referendum, pointing out that Scotland had voted decisively (62%) to remain in the EU. But successive U.K. Prime Ministers refused to approve a second referendum. Last November, the U.K. Supreme Court ruled that Scotland did not have the powers to hold a referendum for independence without Westminster approval – a major political setback. It was by no means the only one. Her closest political associate, Mr. Salmond, was accused of sexual harassment by two former staffers. While he was acquitted of all charges, she got caught in the trial's blowback.

Perhaps the proverbial last straw came when her Gender Recognition Reform Bill, which aimed to make it easy for transgender persons to change the sex on their birth certificate, was blocked by the U.K. government. The Bill sharpened divisions within her own party when a convicted double rapist, a transwoman, was sent to a women's prison.

It seems likely that the unrelenting stress of political life, especially post-COVID, began to wear her down. Ms. Sturgeon seemed to admit as much when she said in her resignation speech, "The nature and form of modern political discourse means there is a much greater intensity – dare I say it, brutality – to life as a politician than in years gone by. All in all, it takes its toll on you and on those around you."

With no clear successor in sight, her exit may unleash a power struggle within the SNP. The party looks at an uncertain future, without the leader who had become its face, and without a strategy on its core plank of independence. But Ms. Sturgeon is only 52, and her retreat may not be permanent.

INBRIEF

Biocon recalls antifungal drug in U.S. for failed specifications

Biotechnology major Biocon is recalling 3,665 bottles of antifungal medication in the U.S. market for 'failed degradation specifications,' according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA). In its latest Enforcement Report, the U.S. health regulator said that the Bengaluru-based firm is recalling 3,665 bottles of Posaconazole Delayed-Release Tablets (100 mg, 60-count bottle), used to treat serious fungal infections. PTI

Cipla's Pithampur unit gets 8 observations from U.S. FDA

Drug major Cipla said the U.S. health regulator has issued Form 483 with eight observations after inspecting its Pithampur manufacturing facility in Madhya Pradesh. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA) conducted a current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) inspection of the facility from February 6-17, the firm said. Cipla will work closely with the U.S. FDA and is committed to address these comprehensively within the stipulated time, the firm added. PTI

FCI to e-auction 11.72 lakh tons of wheat to bulk consumers

State-run Food Corporation of India (FCI) will offer 11.72 lakh tonnes of wheat to bulk consumers during the third e-auction to be held next week, the Food Ministry said on Saturday. FCI plans to sell 25 lakh tonnes of wheat to bulk consumers under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) till March-end as part of the government's measures to check rise in domestic prices. In the last two weekly e-auctions, about 12.98 lakh tonnes wheat was sold. PTI

Govt. taps consultants to monetise land

Pre-bid conference with prospective global property consultants is scheduled for next week, says official; DIPAM , which is working on strategic sales of PSUs including Concor, Shipping Corporation of India and BEML, steering demerger of these companies' non-core and land assets before the sale

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

To expedite the monetisation plans for government-owned land assets across the country, the National Land Monetisation Corporation (NLMC) has decided to rope in international property consultancy firms to help strategise and implement transactions from start to finish.

Following an announcement in the 2021-22 Union Budget, the NLMC, steered by the Department of Public Enterprises was set up last year to undertake monetisation of surplus land and building assets of central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) and other government agencies.

Asset identification
These assets could be core assets that are under operation by a public agency such as transmission lines, roads or a railway line or could be non-core assets which are in surplus, unused or under-used (largely comprising of land, buildings and other immovable properties), with no clear plan for optimal use in the near future.

Proposals invited
The Corporation has now invited proposals from international property consultancy firms (IPCs) or other firms engaged in transaction advisory services, asset monetisation or project monetisation which would be empanelled to assist in the "formulation of monetisation strategy, conducting techno-economic feasibility studies of each asset and provide end-to-end transaction advisory services and ensure completion of transactions for monetisation of the assets".

Pre-bid conference
A pre-bid conference with prospective consultants is scheduled for next week, said an official aware of the development, who added that the empanelled firms' tasks could include assisting in NLMC's monetisation plans right from the first step that entails transfer of such assets to the Corporation from public sector firms being closed or where strategic disinvestment is being undertaken. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), currently working on the strategic sales of several PSUs, including Concor, Shipping Corporation of India and BEML - has been steering the demerger of these companies' non-core and land assets before they are put on the block.

Mandate terms
As per the mandate, the property consulting firms will also be required to assist in finalising monetisation models and transaction structure for individual assets, finalising their valuation, preparing bid documents and holding road shows for prospective investors.

Encashing land
The NLMC has sought proposals from international property consultancies to oversee land monetisation from start to finish

- Empanelled firms will have to formulate strategy, assess feasibility and ensure completion of the transactions
- Pre-bid conference with prospective consultants is scheduled for next week
- Mandate to cover finalising valuation of assets, holding road shows

Future skips NCD interest payment of ₹12.75 crore

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NEW DELHI

Debt-ridden Future Enterprises Ltd. (FEL) has defaulted on the payment of interest of ₹12.75 crore on two non-convertible debentures (NCDs).

"The company is unable to service its obligations in respect of the interest on Non-Convertible Debentures was due on February 16, 2023," it said.

FEL had recently defaulted on payment of interest on several non-convertible debentures.

NSE to include Adani Wilmar, Adani Power in indices from March 31

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NEW DELHI

Leading stock exchange NSE has tweaked the constituents of its major indices with Adani Group's two companies – Adani Wilmar and Adani Power – all set to make their way into some of the Nifty indices from March 31.

Adani Wilmar will be part of Nifty Next 50 and Nifty 100 indices, while Adani Power will be included in Nifty 500, Nifty 200, Nifty Midcap 100, Nifty Midcap 150, Nifty LargeMidcap 250, and Nifty Midsmallcap 400 indices.

Adani Power will figure in Nifty 500, 200, Nifty Midcap 100, 150, Nifty LargeMidcap 250, and Nifty Midsmallcap 400 indices. REUTERS

All the changes in the indices will be effective from March 31 this year, the exchange said in a late night statement on Friday.

The Index Maintenance sub-committee of NSE Indices Ltd. has decided to make replacement of stocks in various indices as part of its periodic review.

However, the NSE did not make any change to its Nifty 50 index.

Earlier this week, index provider MSCI Inc. postponed reducing the weightages of two Adani group firms viz. Adani Total Gas and Adani Transmission in its indices.

Adani Group stocks have taken a beating on the bourses after U.S.-based short seller Hindenburg Research made a litany of allegations, including fraudulent transactions and share-price manipulation, against the conglomerate led by Gautam Adani.

Mineral production rose 9.8% in Dec. 2022

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India's mineral production rose by 9.8% in December last year from the year-earlier period, according to the Mines Ministry.

The cumulative growth for April-December period this fiscal from the year-earlier period was 5.4%. per cent, the Ministry said.

"Important minerals showing negative growth include: petroleum,, bauxite, lignite, chromite, magnesite and diamond," the Ministry added.

MM Forgings starts making prototype motors for EVs

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CHENNAI

A subsidiary of MM Forgings Ltd. (MMF) has started making prototype motors for electric vehicles (EVs), according to vice-chairman and MD Vidyashankar Krishnan.

"We received quite a few orders for Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motors (PMSMs)," he said in an interview. "Though it is a small order, we have made a modest beginning."

In September last year, MMF had acquired 88% stake in start-up firm Abhinava Rizel Pvt. Ltd. to produce EV powertrain components for two- and three-wheelers and commercial vehicles.

"We are in the process of setting up a brownfield

Vidyashankar Krishnan

plant in Oragadam to make 60,000 EV motors per annum," he said. "The commercial production will start by September. In the first year (FY24), we are targeting a two-digit turnover followed by three digits in FY25, " he said.

Stating the initial investment would be in the region of ₹80 crore, he said once demand picked up, they would set up a greenfield plant.

"Within one year, we will start making controllers and gearboxes at Oragadam and Tiruchi plants respectively," he said.

MMF, meanwhile, has reported a 9% increase in standalone net profit for the quarter ended December to ₹34 crore from the year-earlier period. Revenue from operations grew by 26% to ₹360 crore.

MMF expects to close FY23 with a revenue of ₹1,400 crore against ₹1,123 crore and has set sights on ₹2,000 crore for FY25.

Last week, the board approved the merger of its wholly owned subsidiary Cafoma Autoparts Pvt. Ltd. with itself. The latter is into making steel forgings while the former is into manufacturing and machining of crankshaft.

Telcos must report State level call drop data: TRAI

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NEW DELHI

Amid rising instances of service quality issues and consumer complaints, TRAI has asked telecom operators to report call drop and outage data at the State level also and take immediate steps to 'demonstrate visible improvement' in quality of service and connectivity experience for consumers across the country.

On pesky promotional calls and messages, TRAI said telcos will be asked to implement an AI/ML tool which has been found to be effective in detecting and blocking spam that is pushed by unregistered telemarketers.

4G/5G tech stack ready, India to be major telecom tech exporter in 3 years: Vaishnaw

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NEW DELHI

India has proven its mettle with its indigenous 4G/5G technology stack which is 'now ready' and the country is poised to emerge as a major telecom technology exporter to the world in the coming three years, Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

Speaking at an event, Mr. Vaishnaw, who is also the Minister for Railways, categorically said there was no programme for transporter's privatisation.

The 5G services were introduced on October 1, 2022 and within a span of 100 days, have been rolled out in 200-plus cities.

New track: Mr. Vaishnaw said for the Railways, the focus is on transforming passenger experience PTI

Mr. Vaishnaw highlighted the population-scale solutions being tested on India stack, across platforms such as payments, healthcare and identity. Each of these platforms is powerful in itself, but together become a dynamic force that can solve "any major problem in the world."

The Minister said India is set to emerge as a telecom technology exporter to the world in three years.

Foodgrain corridor
To a query on dedicated freight corridor for foodgrains, the Minister explained that when it comes to transport economics it is important not to divide assets between different applications.

"Today, the thought process has got very refined, and we are adding close to 4,500 km of network every year, which amounts to 12 km of new tracks per day. So we have to increase the capacity to such a large extent that there is enough capacity for foodgrains, enough for coal, small parcels, and every kind of cargo," he said.

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The controversy in Kerala's KR Narayanan Institute of Visual Science and Arts and Adoor Gopalakrishnan's tricky role in the issue.

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LEADING FROM THE FRONT

Hayley Matthews guides Windies to first win in World T20

Hayley Matthews guided West Indies to a first win in the Women's T20 World Cup when it beat Ireland in Cape Town on Friday. **The scores:** Ireland 137/9 in 20 overs (Gaby Lewis 38, Orla Prendergast 61; Shamilia Connell 3/24) lost to West Indies 140/4 in 19.5 overs (Hayley Matthews 66 n.o. **PoM:** Matthews.

BREATHING FIRE

Broad fires England to verge of victory in first Test

Stuart Broad scalped four to put England on the verge of winning the first Test against Kiwis at Mount Maunganui on Saturday. **The scores:** England 325/9 decl. & 374 in 73.5 overs (Ollie Pope 49, Joe Root 57, Harry Brook 54, Ben Foakes 51; Michael Bracewell 3/68) vs New Zealand 306 & 63/5 in 23 overs (Stuart Broad 4/21).

STRIKING IN TANDEM

Anderson-Broad becomes most successful pair in Tests

England's Stuart Broad and James Anderson created history on Saturday by claiming their 1002nd Test wicket as teammates, the record for most Test wickets as a bowling pair, in the first Test against New Zealand in Mount Maunganui. They eclipsed Australian greats Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath (1001).

ANOTHER WIN

Hyderabad Black Hawks subdues Chennai Blitz

Hyderabad Black Hawks scored a thrilling 10-15, 15-14, 15-19, 12-15, 15-11 win over Chennai Blitz in the Prime Volleyball League championship in Hyderabad on Saturday. Hyderabad recorded its third win in five games. On Friday night, Bengaluru Torpedoes defeated Kochi Blue Spikers 15-14, 15-11, 7-15, 15-12, 14-15.

Axar and Ashwin to the rescue after Lyon destroys India's top order

Aussie off-spinner joins Anderson and Muralitharan with 100 Test wickets against India; Head raises Australia's hopes with some blistering strokeplay after Khawaja falls early in the second innings

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

When 302 runs are scored in a day's play – notably 144 in the post-tea session – the playing surface ceases to be part of any discussion on sub-standard pitches.

Taking cue from the way Axar Patel and R. Ashwin lifted India from 139 for seven with a 114-run stand to keep the hosts alive in the contest and Travis Head produced some blistering strokeplay, the more accomplished batters in both camps could go beyond the pitch-talk and bat better in the second innings.

Elegant execution: Axar, alongwith Ashwin, turned the script on its head even as Australia looked set to take control. V.V. KRISHNAN

Better batting is key

As things stand following two days of intense battle in the second Test at the Kotla here, Australia stood a run ahead of India in the first innings and then raced away to 61 for the loss of Usman Khawaja's wicket. With three days to go, Australia leads by 62 runs with nine wickets in hand.

With an evenly fought first innings out of the way, the match is set to be decided on superior batting performance in the second innings. At one stage, Australia looked well in sight of a 100-plus lead but the counter-attack launched by Axar and Ashwin turned the script on its head. Axar dominated this left-right hammering of the Aussies. The left-hander hit three sixes and nine fours to Ashwin's five boundaries after only 11 fours and a six were hit before they joined hands.

However, the new ball brought a sudden end to the Indian innings. Just on the threshold of pulling India ahead, both fell to spectacular catches. Matt Renshaw latched on to Ashwin's glance before Pat Cummins plucked a firmly hit stroke at mid-on to end Axar's innings.

On Saturday morning, after Matt Renshaw came in as a concussion substitute for David Warner for the remainder of the Test, Nathan Lyon (five for 67) busted India's top-order with a four-wicket haul spread over 26 deliveries to pull down the home team from 46 for no loss to 66 for four.

Following a sensational, Lyon had flattering figures of four for 12 and joined James Anderson and Muttiah Muralitharan as bowlers with 100 Test wickets against India. A struggling K.L. Rahul was leg-before playing defensively forward. Rohit Sharma played back and lost his middle-stump.

Cheteshwar Pujara's charmed stay of seven deliveries ended after a review confirmed the ball had struck the pad first.

Shreyas Iyer's firm flick went to short-leg where it struck Peter Handscomb's left-wrist, midriff, rebounded off the forearm to his right before ending up in an unlucky dismissal.

The repair job began with a 59-run fifth-wicket stand, involving Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja, but ended by triggering off a mini-collapse. The ball beat the defensive bat of Jadeja to catch him leg-before. Soon, a long-reviewed decision went with the umpire's call to send back Kohli.

Lyon got his fifth when K.S. Bharat's sweep saw the ball balloon off the glove for a simple catch for Steve Smith, behind the wicketkeeper.

Thereafter, for almost 30 overs, the Axar-Ashwin show kept Australia at bay.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA — 1ST INNINGS
263.

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Rohit Sharma b Lyon 32 *(69b, 2x4)*, K.L. Rahul lbw b Lyon 17 *(41b, 1x6)*, Cheteshwar Pujara lbw b Lyon 0 *(7b)*, Virat Kohli lbw b Kuhnemann 44 *(84b, 4x4)*, Shreyas Iyer c Handscomb b Lyon 4 *(15b)*, Ravindra Jadeja lbw b Murphy 26 *(74b, 4x4)*, K.S. Bharat c Smith b Lyon 6 *(12b, 1x4)*, Axar Patel c Cummins b Murphy 74 *(115b, 9x4, 3x6)*, R. Ashwin c Renshaw b Cummins 37 *(71b, 5x4)*, Mohammed Shami b Kuhnemann 2 *(9b)*, Mohammed Siraj (not out) 1 *(4b)*; Extras (b-8, lb-11): 19; Total (in 83.3 overs) 262.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-46 (Rahul, 17.1 overs), 2-53 (Rohit, 19.2), 3-54 (Pujara, 19.4), 4-66 (Shreyas, 25.2), 5-125 (Jadeja, 46.5), 6-135 (Kohli, 49.3), 7-139 (Bharat, 50.5), 8-253 (Ashwin, 80.2 overs), 9-259 (Axar, 81.6).

AUSTRALIA BOWLING
Cummins 13-2-41-1, Kuhnemann 21.3-4-72-2, Lyon 29-5-67-5, Murphy 18-2-53-2, Head 2-0-10-0.

AUSTRALIA — 2ND INNINGS
Usman Khawaja c Shreyas b Jadeja 6 *(13b, 1x4)*, Travis Head (batting) 39 *(40b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Marnus Labuschagne (batting) 16 *(19b, 3x4)*; Total (for one wkt. in 12 overs): 61.

FALL OF WICKET
1-23 (Khawaja, 5.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Ashwin 6-1-26-0, Shami 2-0-10-0, Jadeja 3-0-23-1, Axar 1-0-2-0.

Target of 220-250 chaseable, says Axar

Stellar show: Lyon turned in a quality performance to peg back India. V.V. KRISHNAN

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

"I think a target of 220-250 is chaseable on this pitch.

The pitch is becoming increasingly slower. It's not easy to get wickets quickly. We need to work hard to get the wickets."

Axar Patel's words reflect his uncluttered viewpoint and a methodical approach. The all-rounder has neither taken loads of wickets nor bowled long spells during the five days of action seen so far in the series, but he could be as handy with the ball as he has proved with the bat.

On Saturday, when Pat Cummins burnt all three reviews within 25 overs to provide some unintended help in India's recovery, Axar and R. Ashwin's 114-run eighth-wicket added to Australia's frustration.

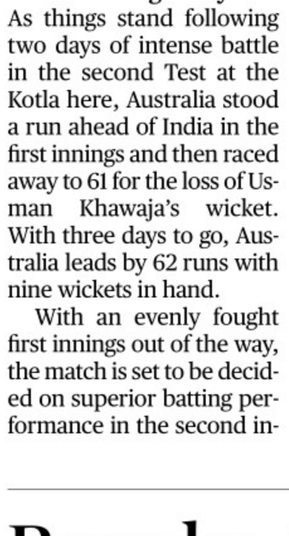
As Axar explained, "The new ball is skidding through and difficult to play. When the ball gets older on a slow pitch, it gets easier to play."

Aussie off-spinner Nathan Lyon, after his five-wicket haul, also echoed Axar's views on the old, soft ball and added, "As bowlers, we have to put the ball in the right areas for long period of time and try to challenge their (batters) defences."

On getting Cheteshwar Pujara out for a duck in his 100th Test, Lyon said, "Pujara and I have had unbelievable battles. I have a lot of respect for him. He can be very proud of the way he's gone about it in Test cricket."

Looking ahead, Lyon said "I am focused on what role I have to play in India's second innings. There's still a lot of work to do."

Renuka, Smriti's efforts go in vain as England prevails



Renuka. AFP

WOMEN'S T20 WC

Agence France-Presse
GQEBERHA

A career-best five-wicket performance by opening bowler Renuka Thakur was not enough to stop England's march towards the semifinals of the Women's T20 World Cup here on Saturday.

England won a top-of-the-table Group Two contest by 11 runs, handing India its first defeat of the tournament.

Renuka took wickets in each of her three overs in the PowerPlay and claimed two more in the final over of the innings to finish with five for 15.

But Nat Sciver-Brunt (50, 42b) and Amy Jones (40, 27b) scored freely during most of the rest of the innings as England posted 151 for seven.

Smriti Mandhana (50, 41b) gave India a strong start when she hit four boundaries off Katherine Sciver-Brunt in the third over. Richa Ghosh (47 n.o., 34b) hit powerfully towards the end, but it was not enough.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND
Sophia Dunkley b Renuka 10 *(11b, 1x4)*, Danni Wyatt c Richa b Renuka 0 *(1b)*, Alice Capsey b Renuka 3 *(6b)*, Nat Sciver-Brunt c Smriti b Deepti 50 *(42b, 5x4)*, Heather Knight c Shafali b Shikha 28 *(23b, 4x4)*, Amy Jones c Richa b Renuka 40 *(27b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Sophie Ecclestone (not out) 11 *(8b, 1x6)*, Katherine Sciver-Brunt c Radha b Renuka 0 *(1b)*, Sarah Glenn (not out) 0 *(1b)*; Extras (b-4, lb-1, w-4): 9; Total (for seven wkts. in 20 overs): 151.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-1 (Wyatt, 0.3 over), 2-10 (Capsey, 2.1), 3-29 (Dunkley, 4.4), 4-80 (Knight, 10.6), 5-120 (Nat Sciver-Brunt, 16.5), 6-147 (Jones, 19.4), 7-147 (Katherine Sciver-Brunt, 19.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Renuka 4-0-15-5, Shikha 4-0-20-1, Pooja 2-0-24-0, Deepti 4-0-37-1, Rajeshwari 1-0-12-0, Shafali 1-0-11-0, Radha 4-0-27-0.

INDIA
Smriti Mandhana c Nat Sciver b Glenn 52 *(41, 7x4, 1x6)*, Shafali Verma c Katherine Brunt b Bell 8 *(11b, 1x4)*, Jemimah Rodrigues c KatherineBrunt b Glenn 13 *(16b)*, Harmanpreet Kaur c Capsey b Ecclestone 4 *(6b)*, Richa Ghosh (not out) 47 *(34b, 4x4, 2x6)*, Deepti Sharma run out 7 *(9b)*, Pooja Vastrakar (not out) 2 *(4b)*; Extras (nb-1, w-6): 7; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 140.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-29 (Shafali, 3.6), 2-57 (Jemimah, 9.1), 3-62 (Harmanpreet, 10.2), 4-105 (Smriti, 15.6), 5-119 (Deepti, 18.2).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Katherine Sciver-Brunt 3-0-39-0, Bell 4-0-22-1, Dean 3-0-23-0, Ecclestone 4-0-14-1, Glenn 4-0-27-2, Nat Sciver-Brunt 2-0-15-0.

Toss: India. **PoM:** Nat Sciver-Brunt.
England won by 11 runs.

ATK MB downs Blasters, in playoffs

Star: McHugh scored both the goals for ATK MB. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

ATK Mohun Bagan sealed a place in the play-offs as it came from a goal behind to beat 10-man Kerala Blasters 2-1, in an ISL match at the Salt Lake Stadium on Saturday.

The win, coming after three unproductive matches, secured 31 points from 19 matches for ATK MB and placed it in the third spot of the current standings.The opening half produced box-to-box action as both sides went for the lead. Kerala Blasters went ahead early in the 16th minute when a series of passes between Ivan Kaliuzhnyi and Apostolos Giannou saw Dimitrios Diamantakos finding the net. ATK MB regrouped quickly and found the equaliser in the 23rd minute when Carl McHugh nodded home a Dimitri Petratos free-kick.

Blasters were down to 10 men in the 64th minute when Rahul K.P. was sent off. The host made the most of the situation and found the decisive lead in the 71st minute when McHugh came up with his second.

The results:
ATK MB 2 (McHugh 23, 71) bt Kerala Blasters 1 (Diamantakos 16).
Hyderabad FC 2 (Ogbeche 12, 79) lost to Jamshedpur FC 3 (Ritwik Das 22, Jay Thomas 27-pen, Daniel Chukwu 29).

City falls behind Arsenal in title race

Cherry on top: Martinelli peels off in celebration after slotting into an empty Villa goal for Arsenal's fourth. GETTY IMAGES

Reuters
NOTTINGHAM

Manchester City fell two points behind Premier League leader Arsenal after being held to a 1-1 draw at Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

Arsenal left it very late to beat Aston Villa 4-2 earlier on Saturday and climbed back to the top of the standings, putting pressure on City to earn victory at Forest.

Napoli took another step towards its first Serie A title since 1990 on Friday as stars Khvicha Kvaratskhelia and Victor Osimhen shot the leader to a 2-0 win at Sassuolo and 18 points clear.

The results: Premier League: Aston Villa 2 (Watkins 5, Coutinho 31) lost to Arsenal 4 (Saka 16, Zinchenko 61, Martinez 90-og, Martinelli 90+8); Brentford 1 (Janelt 90+6) drew with Crystal Palace 1 (Eze 69); Brighton 0 lost to Fulham 1 (Solomon 88); Chelsea 0 lost to Southampton 1 (Ward-Prowse 45+1); Everton 1 (Coleman 64) bt Leeds 0; Nottingham Forest 1 (Wood 84) drew with Manchester City 1 (Silva 41); Wolves 0 lost to Bournemouth 1 (Tavernier 49). **Bundesliga:** Borussia M'Gladbach 3 (Stindl 13, Hofmann 55, Thuram 84) bt Bayern Munich 2 (Choupo Moting 35, Tel 90+3); VfL Wolfsburg 0 lost to RB Leipzig 3 (Forsberg 14, Laimer 85, Szoboszlai 90+2); VfL Bochum 0 lost to SC Freiburg 2 (Gregoritsch 39, Hoeler 51); . **On Friday: Serie A:** Sassuolo 0 lost to Napoli 2 (Kvaratskhelia 12, Osimhen 33).

Dogged Nepal holds India to a goalless draw

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
CHENNAI

India played out a goalless draw in its second of two football friendlies against Nepal at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

Thomas Dennerby's side, playing with five changes, had to forcibly replace Bala Devi and Aditi Chauhan, who were out with a ligament strain and an ACL injury, respectively. Dangmei Grace, who played as a winger in the previous match, was the sole striker here.

India looked aggressive from kick-off, with Indumathi Kathiresan playing as a No. 10 (attacking midfielder) as opposed to her role of a deeper midfielder.

She created the first chance in the match in the 15th minute, when she crossed for Grace, whose header flew just over the net. In the 21st minute, she almost scored when fellow TN girl Karthika Angamuthu delivered a through ball from the midfield.

And, after a dummy by Anju Tamang, Indumathi shot on goal only to see the linesman raise his flag for offside.

INBRIEF

South Africa names Bavuma as Test captain

Temba Bavuma was on Friday named the first black African captain of South Africa's Test cricket team in place of Dean Elgar, who remains a member of the squad for the West Indies series starting on February 28. Bavuma has captained South Africa's One-Day International and Twenty 20 International teams since March 2021.

Isha Dhangar clinches cadet girls' gold

Isha Dhangar of Uttar Pradesh bagged the cadet girls' gold in the National cadet and sub-junior judo championships in Chennai on Saturday. Tamil Nadu Sports Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin felicitated coaches and players with mementos.

The results (winners only): Cadets: Boys: 66kg: Sidharath Rawat (Utr); **Girls: 40kg:** Isha Dhangar (UP).
The awardees: Dronacharya Jiwan Sharma; Manohar (international medallist); S. Manikandan (technology specialist, TN Judo Association); Manikandan (SDAT coach); Silambarasan, Rithanya, Sowmya, Bodhiswaran (promising TN judokas); Chennai, Salem & Karur (most promising districts).

Muthanna sets new meet record in U-18 200m

K.Y. Muthanna created a new meet record in the boys' under-18 200m event of the Karnataka State youth and junior athletic meet here on Saturday. Muthanna won with a timing of 21.51s, erasing the old mark of 21.6s set by Shashikanth.

Ghana footballer Atsu's body found in quake rubble: report

The body of former Ghana international Christian Atsu has been found after a huge earthquake in Hatay (Turkey), local media reported on Saturday, quoting his manager. His manager in Turkey, Murat Uzunmehmet, told *DHA* news agency: "We have reached his lifeless body. His belongings are still being removed.

Sable finishes 35th, Parul ends 20th in World Cross Country

Avinash Sable finished 35th in 31:43s at the 44th World Athletics cross country championships in Bathurst, Australia, on Saturday. Anand Singh, the other Indian in the men's section, was 86th in 35:20s. Jacob Kiplimo of Uganda won the men's title in 29:17s, nine seconds clear of Ethiopia's Berihu Aregawi with fellow Ugandan Cheptegei taking bronze. Parul Chaudhary was 20th (35:39s) in the women's section while Sanjivani Jadhav finished 47th (37.30s) and Chhavi Yadav 55th (39:00s). Kenya's Beatrice Chebet won the crown, with Ethiopian Tsigie Gebreselama second and Kenyan Agnes Jebet Ngetich third.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA All-Star Night: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30 a.m.
New Zealand vs England: 1st Test, day 4, Prime Video, 6.30 a.m.
India vs Australia: 1st Test, day 3, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Ranji Trophy: (final), Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 3 & 5.30 p.m.
Badminton: Asia Mixed Team C'ships: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 5 p.m., Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.; Jio Cinema App, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday)
Women's T20 World Cup: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 & 10.30 p.m.
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Monday)
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.
UAE vs Afghanistan: 3rd T20I, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony LIV, 8 p.m. &Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10 p.m.

Gritty Tiwary and Majumdar battle to keep Bengal in the game

Saurashtra's batting depth gives it a huge 230-run lead and overall control of the proceedings; Mukesh picks up four wickets while Porel and Akash Deep prise out three batters each

RANJI FINAL

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Seasoned campaigners captain Manoj Tiwary and Anustup Majumdar defied immense pressure and scored fighting half-centuries to keep Bengal afloat in the Ranji Trophy final at the Eden Gardens here on Saturday.

Resuming at 317 for five, Saurashtra gathered 87 runs in a little over two hours to aggregate 404, the maximum runs conceded by Bengal in an innings this season, and secure a 230-run lead.

Responding to the challenge, Bengal scored 169 for four in its second innings to trail by 61 runs at stumps on the third day.

Bengal had another disappointing start as opener Sumanta Gupta was again out to Chetan Sakariya before lunch in an uncannily similar fashion – caught at the second slip in the second over – to his first-innings dismissal.

In the less-testing second period, the visiting pacers bowled good lines to reduce Bengal to 47 for three.

Abhimanyu Easwaran, who escaped a run-out attempt, was caught behind off Sakariya and Sudip Gharami was held at first slip off Jaydev Unadkat.

However, Majumdar and Tiwary refused to give up. Even as they looked to spend time in the middle, Majumdar and Tiwary dispatched the loose deliveries to the boundary.

Majumdar (61, 101b, 8x4) shared a valuable 99-run partnership with Tiwary before playing Unadkat to gully.

A determined Tiwary (57 n.o., 129b, 9x4) did not lose focus though. He stayed with Shahbaz Ahmed to fight another day.

Earlier, Bengal began on an encouraging note with Mukesh Kumar scalping Arpit Vasavada, who, in a rare lapse, connected an away-going delivery to the 'keeper, in the first over.

Mukesh struck again, finding the other overnight batter Chirag Jani's outside edge and securing a four-wicket haul.

Akash Deep produced two beauties to dismiss Unadkat and Prerak Mankad.

But, Saurashtra's last pair – Parth Bhut, who was dropped twice off Akash Deep, and Dharmendra Jadeja – frustrated the host by adding 35 runs.

The scores:
Bengal —1st innings: 174.
Saurashtra — 1st innings: Harvik Desai lbw b Mukesh 50, Jay Gohil b Akash Deep 6, Vishvaraj Jadeja c Abishek b Mukesh 25, Chetan Sakariya b Ishan 8, Sheldon Jackson c sub b Ishan 59, Arpit Vasavada c Abishek b Mukesh 81, Chirag Jani c Abishek b Mukesh 60, Prerak Mankad c Abishek b Akash Deep 33, Jaydev Unadkat c Abishek b Akash Deep 4, Parth Bhut (not out) 14, Dharmendra Jadeja c sub b Ishan 29; Extras (b-18, lb-9, nb-8): 35; Total (in 110 overs): 404.
Fall of wickets: 1-38, 2-73, 3-101, 4-109, 5-204, 6-318, 7-343, 8-358, 9-369.
Bengal bowling: Mukesh 37-9-111-4, Akash Deep 36-6-111-3, Ghatak 7-1-29-0, Ishan 21-3-86-3, Shahbaz 8-0-35-0, Tiwary 1-0-5-0.
Bengal — 2nd innings: Sumanta Gupta c Mankad b Sakariya 1, Abhimanyu Easwaran c Harvik b Sakariya 16, Sudip Gharami c Mankad b Unadkat 14, Anustup Majumdar c Vishvaraj b Unadkat 61, Manoj Tiwary (batting) 57, Shahbaz Ahmed (batting) 13; Extras (b-4, lb-2, nb-1): 7; Total (for four wkts. in 53 overs): 169.
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-22, 3-47, 4-146.
Saurashtra bowling: Unadkat 14-1-47-2, Sakariya 13-2-50-2, Jani 5-0-12-0, Dharmendra 8-2-21-0, Mankad 9-1-21-0, Bhut 4-0-12-0.

Over the moon: Sakariya is delighted after dismissing Sumanta Gupta to give Bengal an early jolt in its second essay. PTI

It's not over till it's over, agree Bengal, Saurashtra coaches

Special Correspondent
KOLKATA

Even though Saurashtra stayed ahead on the third day of the Ranji Trophy final against Bengal at the Eden Gardens here on Saturday, coach Niraj Odedra expected an even contest.

Speaking to mediapersons, Odedra said both sides played well.

"Some parts were good for them, some good for us. Credit to our bowlers, they bowled their hearts out. Still two days to go. It's a Ranji Trophy final.

" You just can't come in and win. It's always an even contest," said Odedra.

Bengal coach L.R. Shukla continued to remain positive even as his side trailed by 61 runs.

To be continued... Tiwary, left, who has given Bengal a fighting chance, and Shahbaz promise keener action on the morrow. PTI

"It's not over till it's over. They are fighting it out, we are also fighting. We still have a long way to go.

"The way our bowlers helped the side come back in the morning and the responsible show by Anustup (Majumdar) and (Manoj) Tiwary were superb. We are all positive.

" We just want to continue with the process," said Shukla.

Services qualifies for semifinals

SANTOSH TROPHY

Sports Bureau

Former champion Services became the first team to qualify for the semifinals of the 76th Santosh Trophy National Football Championship. The team booked its ticket to Riyadh, where the semifinals and final will be played, after crushing Manipur 3-0 in Bhubaneswar on Saturday with all the goals coming in the first 16 minutes.

Services leads the six-team Group 'B' with 10 points from four matches.

The second qualifier will be finalised after the next set of matches on Monday and Meghalaya, Railways and Manipur all appear to be in with a chance to make the cut.

Services' midfielder Ronaldo Singh in action. AIFF

Meghalaya thrashed Delhi 5-1 while Railways defeated Bengal 1-0 in other Group 'B' matches.

The results (Group B):
Services 3 (Liton Shil 5, B. Sunil 14, Bikash Thapa 16) bt Manipur 0; Meghalaya 5 (Donlad Diengdoh 17 & 57, Ronaldkydon Lyngdoh 39 & 90+7, Everbrightson Sana 90+4) bt Delhi 1 (Ajay Singh 90); Railways 1 (Nuruddin 45+2) bt Bengal 0.

India bags badminton bronze

Sports Bureau

India finished its Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championship campaign with a first-ever bronze medal after a 2-3 defeat against China in the semifinal in Dubai on Saturday.

India went down 0-2 after H.S. Prannoy and P.V. Sindhu lost the men's and women's singles ties, respectively.

The men's doubles duo of Chirag Shetty-Dhruv Kapila and women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly-Gayatri Gopichand won their respective matches to make it 2-2.

However, in the deciding mixed doubles tie, Tanisha Crasto and Ishaan Bhatnagar lost to Wei Ya Xin and Jiang Zhen Bang in straight games.

Khade-Clarke duo triumphs while Nagal capitulates to Alboran

CHENNAI OPEN

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

It was a bittersweet day for India on the penultimate day of the Chennai Open ATP Challenger 100 tournament on Saturday.

Even as Sumit Nagal's singles campaign ended with a straight-sets defeat to American Nicolas Moreno De Alboran in the semifinals, Arjun Khade, partnering Britain's Jay Clark, gave the home crowd something to cheer for by winning the men's doubles title.

Khade and Clarke had a relatively straightforward match in the doubles final, beating Austria's Sebastian Ofner and Croatian Nino Serdarusic 6-0, 6-4.

Scrappy outing
In the day's first match, Nagal had a scrappy outing going down 6-4, 6-2 to Alboran after squandering numerous chances.

In the first game, Nagal had two break points before a few unforced errors, and some good first serves allowed Alboran to prevail.

Nagal struggled for accuracy in his groundstrokes and was conservative with weak first serves, allowing the American to dictate the play.

In between this, Nagal, at the same time, also produced some sensational fighting skills in the longer rallies and won some stunning points.

But despite breaking the American twice in the first set, Nagal's poor service games cost him dearly as he lost his serve thrice.

Similarly, in the second set, Nagal lost his serve in the fourth game with four unforced errors and could never recover.

Alboran will now play Australian Max Purcell, who beat compatriot Dane Sweeney, in the men's singles final on Sunday.

Fighting it out: Alboran made the most of Nagal's patchy play to come out victorious. M. VEDHAN

The results: Semifinals: Nicolas Moreno De Alboran (USA) bt Sumit Nagal 6-4, 6-2; Max Purcell (Aus) bt Dane Sweeny (Aus) 6-4, 7-6. **Doubles: Final:** Jay Clarke (GBR) & Arjun Kadhe bt Sebastian Ofner (Aut) & Nino Serdarusic (Cro) 6-0, 6-4.

Nine surgeries down, Duckworth fights on

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

One of the most challenging thing for a professional athlete to undergo is surgery during an active playing career. In a sport as physically demanding as tennis, surgeries can have a devastating impact. The player drops down the rankings and needs to slowly inch his way back up, grinding it out on the Challengers tour, as James Duckworth is finding out.

The Australian was ranked as high as 46 early last year before hip surgery forced him into a five-month break and saw his ranking slip below 100.

The 31-year-old knows a thing or two about recovering from surgeries, having the first-hand experience of going under the knife a staggering nine times.

"I've had three on my (right) foot and three on my (right) elbow. Two on my (right) shoulder and one on my hip," Duckworth listed all his surgeries in a chat on Friday.

Speaking about his recent surgery, Duckworth, the grandson of the 1955 Australian Open women's singles and doubles champion Beryl Penrose said, "It was very difficult. I had to get a hip operation when I was playing my best tennis and at my highest ranking, but it's just the nature of the sport.

Duckworth. R. RAGU

"These things happen. You just got to go through these processes, and I'm just fighting as hard as I can each day to try and get my ranking back up," he added.

Duckworth ranked 138 currently, is not defending points till July and will be playing in Bengaluru and Pune Challengers over the next two weeks as he looks to get back into the top 100 before the French Open.

"It's been an injury-plagued career, but I feel like going through all those sorts of hard times makes me appreciate the good times more," he added.

Wildcard for Leo Borg

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Leo Borg, son of legendary Swede Bjorn Borg, has been handed a wildcard entry into the singles main draw of the Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger which begins on Monday. Leo competed in the Chennai Challenger last week.

The three Indians in Prajnesh Gunneswaran, Ramkumar Ramanathan and Mukund Sasikumar will have to get through the qualifying. Frenchman Lucas Pouille, a former top-10 player who was expected to be a big attraction here, has pulled out.

Bangalore City wins
With seven wins in eight matches, Bangalore City FC (21 points) won the 'B' division football league here. Roots FS finished second, while Bangalore Warriors FC finished third.

Bangalore City FC and Roots FS earned promotion to the 'A' division league for next season.

Goans FC and RS Sports, both of whom withdrew from the league, were relegated to 'C' division.

In its last match, Bangalore City FC edged out CIL 1-0 through a goal from Faazal Hassan.

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ/ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಖರೀದಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ **Standard Tender Document KW-4** ನಂತೆ ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: (1) INDENT54522

1) Downloading of document through e-proc portal: **17.02.2023 to 03.03.2023 up to 16.30 Hrs.** 2) Time & date of Pre-Bid Conference: **22.02.2023 Time: 11.30 Hrs.** Venue: O/o. Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division Po: Habbuwada, Karwar- Uttara Kannada Dist. (3) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: **03.03.2023 Time: 16.30 Hrs.** (4) Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening: **04.03.2023 Time: 17:30 Hrs**. (5) Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening: Will be informed technically qualified bidders after approval of Technical Bid.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು
ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ (ಉ.ಕ. ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ)

DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/996/22-23 dt.17.02.2023

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A GOVT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
Office of Executive Engineer, KNNL, Bhima Lift Irrigation Scheme, Division, Afzalpur- 585301, Email: eeblis@rediffmail.com

No:EE/ KNNL/BLIS/AFZ/TS-1/2022-23/1004 Date: 06/02/2023

PERCENTAGE SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(only Through e-procurement)

On behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, Bhima Lift Irrigation Scheme, Division, Afzalpur invites percentage Tenders for the below mentioned works from eligible contractors,

1) Name of work : Name of works (Total 09 Works) as per e-portal will be as per the Indent Numbers (35975, 35976, 35974, 35972, 35973, 35981, 35982, 35971, 35977), 2) Approximate amount put to tender (Rs. Lakhs) : **From Rs. 8.47 Lakhs to Rs. 349.73 Lakhs.** (as per e-portal), 3) EMD (Rs.) : From Rs. 12,500/- to Rs. 4,13,000/- (as per e-portal), 4) Tender Processing Fee (Non refundable) : As per E-procurement, 5) Eligible contractor : KPWD class-2 upto KPWD class-1 or Above registration. (as per e-portal), 6) Stipulated period of Work. : 6 months. (as per e-portal)

The dates fixed for submission of tenders through e-procurement is from **17.02.2023 upto 24.02.2023 4.00 PM** .Technical Bid will be opened on **25.02.2023, at 4.15 PM.** and Financial Bid will be opened on **28.02.2023, at 11:00 AM** for further information, the undersigned may be contacted during office hours, and e-portal website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in, Helpline of HP organization is 080-23010900 / 080-23010901.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIP/Kalaburagi/1316/MC&A/2022-23 **KNNL, Bhima LIS Division, Afzalpur-585301**

M.P. MADHYA KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN CO.LTD.

(Govt. of Madhya Pradesh Undertaking)
NISHTHA PARISAR, BIJLINAGAR, GOVINDPURA, BHOPAL-462023
Phone No. : 0755-2602033-34, Fax No. : 0755-2589821, E-mail : dgmp2.cz@mp.gov.in
Website : www.mpcz.co.in, CIN Number : U40109MP2002SGC015119
No. MD/MK/04/Abgd.NIT/3271 **Bhopal, Dated : 17.02.2023**

TENDER NOTICE

MPMKVVCL, Bhopal, invites following bids Manufacturers/Authorized Dealers through e-tendering.

Tender Specification Number	Particulars	Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh)	Tender Fee Including GST @18% (in Rs.)	Date of Pre-Bid Conference	Date of Opening of Tender
MD/MK/ 04/878	Procurement of Fully Automatic Instrument Transformer Testing Bench upto 33KV and Establishment of Testing Facilities at 3 Nos Laboratories under MPMKVVCL, Bhopal.	270.00	11800/-	27.02.2023 3:30 pm	07.03.2023 3:30 pm

Other details are available on Company website **https://portal.mpcz.in** & **https://mptenders.gov.in**
M.P. Madhyam/108619/2023 **CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (PROC.)**

Government of Karnataka
(Department of Panchayat Raj Engineering)
Office of the Executive Engineer
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Vijayapura.
Tel.No. 08352-277816, Fax No. 08352-277817,
E-Mail:zpebjp9@yahoo.co.in
NO:EE/PRED/VJP/E-Proc/2022-23 Dated: 17.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System)

Tender called for the work in the above notification through E-mode tendering is read as below.

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-3 through electronic Tendering system (e-tender from Class -1 Contractor (Civil) registered in KPWD/PRED/ who have got adequate financial resources, state of technology, suitable construction equipments technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below.

1. Improvements to Road from Kalakeri Main Road to bastihal Approch Road in Sindagi taluka Rs 80.00 lakhs (KW-3)
2. Improvement to Road from Bastihal to Hadaginal Road in Sindagi taluka Rs 100.00 lakhs (KW-3)
3. Asphalting to Road from Kannaguddihal to Gubbewad Davalar Main Road in Sindagi taluka Rs. 100.00 lakhs KW-3
4. Improvement to Road from Kalakeri Main Road to Hadaginal Approch Road in Sindagi taluka Rs. 100.00 lakhs KW-3
5. Improvement to Road from Vibutihalli to Tontapur Approch Road in Sindagi taluka Rs 94.62 lakhs KW-3

Details in this regard are available on website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the above office during office hours

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/902/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಪಿಎ/2022–23 **PRE Division, Vijayapura**

Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited (Encore ARC)

acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC -EOT - 001 -Trust
Encore ARC Corporate Office Address: 5th Floor, Plot No. 137, Sector 44, Gurugram 122002, Haryana

Public Notice for e-Auction

e-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & proviso to Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bajaj Finance Limited to secure dues in the loan account since assigned to Encore ARC (Secured Creditor) acting in its capacity as the Trustee of EARC-EOT-001-Trust, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Encore ARC, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 07.03.2023 at 11:00 a.m., for recovery of Rs.63,49,665/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Five Only) as on 10-10-2022 together with further interest from 11-10-2022 at contractual rate till recovery and other costs, charges etc due to the Encore ARC (Secured creditor), from Borrower viz. **Mr. Pasunuri Sandeep**

The description of the mortgaged immovable properties, and the details of Reserve Price for the Secured Assets, the Earnest Money Deposit & Minimum Increment Amount in Bidding Process are as under:

Item Sr No.	Name of Account	Description of Property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Minimum Increment in Bidding Process (In Rs.)
1.	Mr. Pasunuri Sandeep	All that Residential Apartment bearing No. 405 in Fourth Floor of Block A in the project "Definer Kingdom" measuring 1021 Sq.ft of build up area and 139 Sq.ft of proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other area of common use and totally measuring 1160 Sq.ft of Super build up area approximately, with right to use one Covered Car parking Space in Ground Floor and the Apartment is bounded by: North : Open to Sky, South : Lobby, East : Flat No. A-406, West : Open to Sky Along with 456 Sq ft. undivided share, right , title , interest and ownership in the land measuring 2 Acres 15 Guntas (Minus 1894 Sq.ft., surrendered for road widening to Hosakote planning Authority) in Sy.No. 95, situated in Bommenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobil, Bangalore East Taluk, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, bearing No. ALN.(EB) (K) SR. 15/2010-11 dated 26.07.2010 and presently bearing Khata No. 956/95 in the records of Mandur Village panchayath and bounded by: North : Remaining portion of Property measuring 0 acres 26 Guntas, land in Sy. No. 102. South : Land bearing Sy. No. 96 & thereafter Govt School, East : Road, West : Land bearing Sy No. 149	35,50,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs and Fifty Thousand Only)	3,55,000.00 (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Only)	50,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)

Date of Inspection of Secured Assets	23/02/2023 between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Last Date of Submission of online Bid	Before 3.00 PM on 06/03/2023
Date & Time of e-Auction	07/03/2023 at 11.00 AM to 1:00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each as per Terms & Conditions mentioned below. Auction Website: **https://bankeauctions.com**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Encore ARC's website i.e. **https://www.encorearc.com and https://bankeauctions.com**

Interested bidders may contact Authorised officer of Encore ARC **Mr. Padmakumar S, Mobile No. 97390 99360, Mr. K.Nagendran Mobile No. 91762 91717, Mr B.M. Nagaraju. 89399 56230** for any further information / query.

Date: 17.02.2023 **Padmakumar S, Authorised Officer**
Place: Chennai **Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
EX-SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTARY HEALTH SCHEME
STATION HQ ECHS COMMAND HOSPITAL AIR FORCE BANGALORE
PHONE:08029917023 , e-mail:stnhq.chafb@echs.gov.in

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

1. ECHS invites applications to engage following Medical, Para Medical & Non Medical Staff on contractual basis in ECHS Polyclinics Bangalore (Urban), ECHS Polyclinic Hassan & RC ECHS Bangalore & ECHS Referral Cell for a period of one year, **renewal for additional period of one year/till attaining the maximum age subject to performace of candidates/other conditions according to the criteria as mentioned against each:**

Sl No	Appointment	ECHS Polyclininc Bangalore (Urban) / CH Referral Cell	ECHS Polyclinic Hassan	Regional Centre Jalahalli	Fixed Remuneration
01	Medical officer	05 + 01	01	02	75,000/- pm
02	Dental Officer	02	01	---	75,000/- pm
03	Gynaecologist	01	---	---	1,00,000/- pm
04	Medical specialist	01	---	---	1,00,000/-pm
05	Nursing Assistant	02	01	---	28,100/-pm
06	Pharmacist	04 + 01	01	---	28,100/-pm
07	Dental A/T/H	02	01	---	28,100/-pm
08	Lab Technician	02	01	---	28,100/-pm
09	Physiotherapist	01	---	---	28,100/-pm
10	Radiographer	01	---	---	28,100/-pm
11	Lab Assistant	01	---	---	28,100/-pm
12	Female Attendant	01	01	---	16,800/-pm
13	Safaiwala	01	01	---	16,800/-pm
14	Driver	—	01	---	19,700/-pm
15	IT Network Technician	01	---	01	28,100/-pm
16	Peon	01 + 01	---	---	16,800/-pm
17	Chowkidar	----	01	---	16,800/-pm
18	Clerk	02 + 01	01	01	19,700/-pm
19	Data Entry Operator	01	---	01	16,800/-pm

2.**For QRs, Terms and Conditions, Application Form & Remuneration** : Kindly see our website www.echs.gov.in . For additional details, please contact Stn HQ ECHS Command Hospital Air Force Bangalore at Telephone No. **08029917023** & email ID **stnhq.chafb@echs.gov.in** Also approach concerned ECHS Polyclinic for details. Preference will be given to the Ex-servicemen.

3. **Last date of receipt of application as per format given at our website**. Application as per requisite format along with self-attested photocopies of testimonials in support of Educational Qualification and Work Experience will be submitted to OIC Stn HQ ECHS Command Hospital Air Force Bangalore by **26 Feb 23** in duplicate. Any application received after **26 Feb 23** will not be accepted.

4.**Interview Date Timing and Venue** Candidate must reach Stn HQ ECHS Command Hospital Air Force Bangalore at 0930 Hrs on **01 Mar 23** for the interview to the post mentioned at Sl. No 05 to 12, on **02 Mar 23** for Sl No. 01-04 and on **03 Mar 23** for remaining Sl. No.13-19. Interview will be held from 1030 Hrs onwards. Candidates must bring all the original certificates/marksheets/degree of 10th/Matric, 10+2 & Graduation/Post Graduation/Diploma/Course, Work Experience and discharge book, PPO, Service records at the time of interview. No TA/DA is admissible. Only candidates meeting the Qualitative Requirements may apply.